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## BLOWN UP.

### Ammunition Store IN TOKYO.

London, Yesterday.

A number of persons were injured and fifty houses partially wrecked and the whole neighbourhood was thrown into confusion, when an army ammunition store on the outskirts of Tokyo blew up early this morning. The disaster was, apparently, due to spontaneous combustion.—Reuter.

### NOT ANOTHER MORATORIUM.

Washington, Yesterday. Government circles do not expect President Hoover to initiate another moratorium when the present expires on June 30.

## JAPAN UNPERTURBED ABOUT SOVIET

### WITH RUMOURS AND UNFOUNDED SUSPICIONS

#### LITTLE DANGER OF CLASH.

London, Yesterday. In spite of disquieting reports of Russo-Japanese tension in North Manchuria, the Japanese Government is taking a calm view of the situation and do not anticipate any serious development.

Owing to the presence in Manchuria of numbers of persons of different nationalities of the adventurer type with axes to grind all kinds of wild rumours are circulating, but these are mainly discountable, while the Soviet's suspicions of Japanese intentions appear as unfounded as Japanese suspicions of the Soviet.

The fact that Tamon's Second Division is leaving Harbin to-morrow and returning to its peace station at Liaoyang appears to indicate that Japanese military authorities are satisfied that there is little danger of a clash with the Soviet.—Reuter.

This announcement follows the recent suggestions of Alcuty of anti-revisionists, and Smith and Murray Butler has been designed to avert further died down. — Reuter's American attacks, until public reaction to Service.

## TRANCE MEDIUM CASE

### JUSTICE MCCARDIE SUMS UP.

#### ABSTRUSE POINTS

##### EVIL SPIRITS.

(Reuter's Special Service.) London, Yesterday.

A large number of abstruse points engaged the attention of Justice McCardie to-day in his long summing up of the trance medium case in which Mrs. Morris is suing the "Daily Mail" for casting reflections on the genuineness of her manifestations.

His Lordship said that, while a great deal had been heard in the case about good spirits communicating with living people, a minimum had been heard about the evil spirits said to exist.

If evil spirits could communicate with the living as efficiently as the good, the jury would see how grave a question was raised by the spiritualist creed.

The jury had to decide, whether Mrs. Morris, in her sermons, was delivering a message from some discarnate spirit called "Power" — who must be regarded as the central figure of the case — or whether speaking from memorised sermons or speaking extempore on ideas derived from early life. A curious feature was that "Power" refused to disclose his on her identity.

His Lordship had not finished when the court adjourned.

## GENEROUS PROVISION FOR EDUCATION

### OVER FORTY-TWO MILLION POUNDS THIS YEAR

\$100,000,000 AVAILABLE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

When the Minister for Education (Sir Donald Maclean) presented his department estimates in the Commons to-day, he said that they provided for Exchequer expenditure of £42,892,676, which shows an economy of £5,500,000 on last year. In 1906 the estimates were about £12,500,000. With the sums raised from rates by local Education Authorities there is about £100,000,000 for educational purposes in Great Britain — more than half the total National Expenditure for the year before the War. He doubted whether there was any country in Europe to-day whose Budget contained so generous a provision for education.

Regarding recent economies, Sir Donald Maclean said that there had been reductions under every head, except Teachers' Pensions and Scholarships to Students.—British Wireless Service.

## JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

### To Be Discontinued.

It has been learnt from the Registrar of the University of Hong Kong that the Council of the University has decided to discontinue the holding of the Junior Local Examination after the examination to be held in November, 1932.

### AUTOGIRO FLIGHT TO S.A.

Rugby, Yesterday.

J. N. Young, ex-Air Force pilot, intends to fly to South Africa in an Autogiro. This will be the first long-distance Autogiro flight and, as the machine is designed for safety and not speed, he is not attempting any records. He thinks that, as it is able to dispense with large landing grounds, the Autogiro is specially suitable for undeveloped country.—British Wireless Service.

### Company Meetings.

## MESSRS. A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

### MR. W. S. BAILEY PAYS A TRIBUTE TO THE MANAGEMENT

#### THE HONG KONG DOLLAR AGAIN!

Another successful year was reported by the Chairman (Mr. H. Humphreys) at the forty-seventh annual ordinary yearly meeting of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, which was held at the Hong Kong Hotel this morning.

Those present were:—Messrs. J. Scott Hurston, A. H. White, and A. B. Stewart (Directors), and J. H. Tarrant (Secretary). Shareholders present were:—Messrs. W. S. Bailey, G. E. R. Divett, J. M. Wong, P. C. Potts, A. C. Greaves, Chan A. Tong, J. D. Humphreys, D. E. Clark, A. P. Samy, J. Dalziel, S. E. Edgar, and Peter Wong.

In seconding the Chairman's report, Mr. Bailey complimented the Management on the excellent work done during the year.

The Chairman, in thanking Mr. Bailey for his words, said he appreciated them even more so, because they came from one of the Company's biggest shareholders.

The report was carried unanimously.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said: "Gentlemen, the Report and Statement of Accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I propose with your permission to take them as read."

I will first of all deal with the Account.—Amongst the Assets you may notice that "Stocks in Trade" show an increase of \$124,870 which was virtually inevitable, in view of the very low rate of the dollar during the period under review. Sundry Debtors are up \$31,500 due partly to increased business, and partly to the increased dollar value of goods sold at the low rate of exchange prevailing.

Connaught Road Property, Section A. Marine Lot 381—having been sold—no longer appears amongst the Assets. There was a profit on the sale of \$31,600, as is shown in Profit and Loss Account.

Amongst the Liabilities you will notice Bank overdraft is down \$214,510, though but for the fact

that we sold our Connaught Road Property, the overdraft would have been very much higher.

We are calling up \$300,000, the balance of unissued Capital, with reference to which I would remark that it does not take a Napoleon of Finance to realise that with the Hong Kong dollar round about 1/4 it requires more Hong Kong dollars to run a business than if the exchange were 1/6 or more, and by way of example, in this connection, I would point out that though during the period under review London Drafts cost £3,946 less than the previous year, yet the cost to us in Hong Kong dollars was \$183,867 more. The same applies on a smaller scale to U.S.A. drafts.

Your Directors' fees have remained at the same figure since 1901, when the business was far smaller than it is to-day. We therefore propose to convene Extraordinary General Meetings of Shareholders to pass resolutions to raise the fees of Directors to \$1,500 each per annum.

I trust you will approve of the appropriations to Reserve Fund of \$50,000 and Exchange Fluctuation Account \$50,000, and also of the appropriation of \$5,000 to the Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund. In view of the uncertainty of silver we think that in a business like ours the "Exchange Fluctuation" appropriation is very necessary.

I have no further remarks to make, Gentlemen, and now beg to propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted and that the allocation of the profits as recommended be passed, namely:

To pay a Dividend of 80 cents per share which will absorb	\$ 96,000.00
Place to Reserve Fund	50,000.00
Transfer to Exchange Fluctuation Account	50,000.00
Transfer to Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund	5,000.00
And carry forward to next account	80,457.75
	\$281,457.75

After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any

## COMMITTEE OF NINETEEN.

### Two Resolutions Discussed.

#### JAPANESE TROOPS' WITHDRAWAL.

Geneva, To-day.

The Committee of Nineteen discussed for two hours the two draft resolutions, one of which was submitted by Mr. Hymans, emphasising point three of the Shanghai Agreement, namely, that the Japanese troops will undertake withdrawal as quick as possible, adding that the mixed Commission at Shanghai should report to the Assembly when normal conditions are restored.

The second resolution was submitted by M. Benes for the purpose of strengthening the terms of the Point Three of the Shanghai Agreement. Both resolutions were referred to the Drafting Committee for the purpose of reconciling them. It is announced that the Drafting Committee has reached an agreement on the text of the single resolution, with the exception of one point which needs further consideration. This point concerns the instructions of the Shanghai Commission and is to the effect that the Commission shall report to the Committee of Nineteen when the restoration of normal conditions will allow the withdrawal of the Japanese troops and will inform the Committee if the evacuation does not take place.

The date for the next meeting of the Committee has not been fixed.—Reuter.

## N-W FRONTIER PROVINCE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Viceroy of India (Lord Willingdon) who flew to Peshawar from Delhi last week, to-day formally installed Sir Ralph Griffiths as the first Governor of the North-West Frontier Province. A talking film was taken of the ceremony.—British Wireless Service.

questions in connection with the accounts before you that Shareholders may have to ask."

The re-election of Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., and Messrs. J. Scott Hurston, A. H. White and A. B. Stewart, to the Board of Directors was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. M. Wong and carried.

Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. S. T. Butlin, A.C.A., were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,250 each per annum, on the proposition of Mr. P. C. Potts, seconded by Mr. D. E. Clark.

## INTERFERING WITH SAFETY VALVES.

### Comdr. Hole on Danger of the practice.

#### HEARING FIXED.

Stern remarks on practices which endanger lives at sea were made by the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), in the Marine Court this morning, when he fined the coxswain and engineer of the steam launch Wah Hing for interfering with the safety valve of the launch.

The charge against the coxswain was heard first and it was alleged against him that he allowed the safety valve to be under the control of the engineer by removing padlocks fitted by the Government Marine Surveyor.

After Lance-Sergeant Macnamara, of the Water Police, and Mr. S. Ashworth, Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, had given evidence, the accused said that the lock got rusty through coming in contact with sea water, but he did not know that it was broken. Also, he did not know anything about the safety valve.

Very Serious Offence. The Magistrate retorted that it was the accused's business as coxswain to know about these things. He found the man guilty and remarked that the offence was very serious as the lives of the whole crew were in the accused's hands.

After ascertaining that the accused had a clear record, his Worship said that because of that he proposed to let the accused down lightly. If he had had a previous conviction he would have been sent to jail without the option of a fine. In a serious case like that, however, when he said he would let the man down lightly he did not mean to impose a nominal fine. The accused would have to pay \$250 or go to jail for three months.

5 Pound Greater-Pressure. The case against the engineer of the launch was then proceeded with. He was charged with placing 5 pounds greater pressure than the conditions of the licence permitted.

After evidence was given by Sergeant Macnamara and Mr. Ashworth, the accused said that he never touched the safety valve, and did not think any one on board did interfere with it, but his Worship did not believe him and convicted.

"Monkeying Around." This man also had a clear record and the Magistrate decided to treat him the same as the coxswain by imposing a fine of \$250 or three months' hard labour. He remarked that by the fine he had imposed he was making the accused learn that it was not worth while to monkey around with the safety valves and endanger lives at sea.

## SOVIET WARNINGS TO JAPAN

### MILLIONS READY TO BE THROWN AGAINST NIPPON

#### JAPAN FOMENTING TROUBLE.

Riga, Yesterday. There is, it is understood here, growing nervousness in official circles in Moscow in connection with what is described as the imminent danger of war in the Far East.

Soviet newspapers daily are becoming more outspoken and warn Japan that, though it may be easy to find a pretext for war, it will be disastrous, if she mistakes the Soviet's desire for peace for inability to fight.

The "Pravda," for example, says the Soviet has millions ready to oppose any Japanese attempts to convert parts of Soviet territory into a buffer state, and advises Japan to think well before drawing the Soviet into her Manchurian adventure.

Official circles allege that Japan is employing White Guards to carry out terrorist acts and then accusing Soviet

officials of the Chinese Eastern Railway of fomenting trouble, and wholesale arrests of such officials, it is said, have been made in the last few days, apparently as a sequel to the recent blowing up of a Japanese "troop train."—Reuter.

### CHINESE CONSUL CASE.

Japan Pleased.

Moscow, Yesterday.

The Press here to-day publishes a report from Tokyo in connection with measures taken by the Foreign Commissariat in regard to the Chinese Consul at Blagoveshensk.

It states that a representative of the Japanese Foreign Office interviewed a Tass correspondent and declared, "This measure undoubtedly entirely dissolves the suspicions, if any, of connections between the Soviet and General Ma."—Reuter.

with that argument only to the extent that it would be a technical offence until such time as the accused had an opportunity to report the damage. He suggested that Mr. Loseby should prove absence of such opportunity at the time of arrest.

Mr. Loseby called the coxswain, who said that the starboard pin was broken by a seaman while cleaning the deck at Canton on April 1. The launch left Canton the same day and arrived in the waters of the Colony at 3 p.m. on April 2.

His Worship stopped the evidence at this stage and found that the accused were guilty of only a technical offence. Therefore he would caution them.

## ITALIAN WARSHIPS RECALLED.

### From Shanghai.

Rome, Yesterday.

Owing to the improved situation at Shanghai, Signor Mussolini has ordered the Italian cruiser Trento and the Italian destroyer Lepanto to return home.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

London, To-day. Airman C. W. A. Scott left Lympne at 5 o'clock this morning in an attempt to break the England-Australia record.—Reuter.







## ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

### OFFICIAL SOURCES.

#### ANOTHER BARRYMORE SUCCESS.

If a big and distinguished cast and a new plot idea mean anything, "The Man I Killed" should provide excellent entertainment for the patrons of the King's Theatre to-day. The film is based on the original French play by Maurice Rostand. It tells of the post-war events in the life of a former soldier in the war-time army. The principal roles are played by Lionel Barrymore, Nancy Carroll and Phillips Holmes. Holmes' most recent picture was "An American Tragedy," in which he played the role of Clyde Griffiths. Barrymore was recently awarded the annual prize of the Academy of Motion Picture Sciences for his distinguished performance in "A Free Soul." Nancy Carroll was teamed with Holmes in "The Devil's Holiday," and "Stolen Heaven." Others in the cast are Tully Marshall, ZaSu Pitts, Lucien Littlefield, Tom Douglas, Emma Dunn, and Frank Sheridan. "The Man I Killed" was directed by Ernst Lubitsch, German genius who made "Passion," "Rosita," "The Love Parade," and other screen successes.

#### PAIR OF PANTS LEADS TO STARDOM.

Sally Eilers, who is co-featured with George O'Brien in the Fox outdoor romance, "A Holy Terror," coming next Thursday to the King's Theatre, is thankful to a pair of pants and another girl's perverse nature. Miss Eilers, at that time just out of Hollywood High School, had long cherished a desire for a screen career. With the hope of getting some extra work she accompanied her friend, Carole Lombard, who was with Mack Sennett, to the studio. It happened to be the same day that Sennett was looking for a new ingenue, because a featured player had walked out on him following an argument over her wearing a pair of pants as called for by the script in a particular scene. Sennett saw Miss Eilers, gave her a screen test and then offered her a contract and the part the recalcitrant actress had been scheduled to do. The part was in "The Good-bye Kiss" and proved that Sennett knew his potential stars. Other roles followed, each advancing her reputation with the film loving public; "Dry Martini," "Show of Shows," "Doughboys," "Sailor's Holiday," "Parlour, Bedroom and Bath" and "Let Us Be Gay." More recently she went to the Fox studios to enact the role of Spencer Tracy's "Moll" in "Quick Millions." Her performance won her a long term contract with that organization and the lead in "The Black Camel," which furnished her opportunity for another personal triumph.

In the supporting cast of "A Holy Terror" are Rita La Roy, Humphrey Bogart and James Kirkwood, Irving Cummings directed.

#### PAT O'BRIEN MADE HIS STAGE DEBUT IN "CHARLEY'S AUNT."

That internationally known comedy characterization, "Charley's Aunt," marked the stage debut of Pat O'Brien, who plays the young promoter in "Flying High," now at the Queen's Theatre. O'Brien's success in the leading role of a Marquette University amateur production of the stage favourite emboldened him to make overtures to stock company managers. How successful his efforts were may be seen by the fact that he spent

several seasons with stock companies in Milwaukee, Grand Rapids, White Plains and Albany before venturing to the New York casting offices. His work on the Broadway stage included roles in "Up and Up," "Adrienne" and "Overture," after which he went to Hollywood to score a personal hit as the reporter in "The Front Page." O'Brien was born in Milwaukee, Wis. His extra-curricular activities at Marquette were not confined to dramatics, for he was also a member of the university's first string football squad.

**AMERICAN METHODS UPSET**  
American picture production methods upset the habits of a lifetime for a number of English players during the filming of John Galsworthy's "Escape," opening on Thursday at the Queen's Theatre. During the first day of rehearsals for the talking picture version of the dramatic hit, a flurry of concern arose among some of the players as the afternoon's work proceeded without interruption. "Don't you think it's time for tea?" suggested Mabel Poulton to Johnnie, "we don't do that in Hollywood."

#### SUE CAROL MAKES A CONFESSION.

Sue Carol, Society debutante and daughter of wealthy Chicago parents, literally had her screen career handed to her on a silver platter. And then she dropped the platter.

"All my life," said Miss Carol recently, "I have done just as I wanted to, and everything seemed to come to me without effort. I took it all so much as a matter of course that I never thought of the possibility of having to work for anything. I was just too easy. Even my trip to Hollywood which resulted in my first work in motion pictures was the result of a sudden whim. I had no sooner arrived in the film capital than I met Nick Stuart—and I was glad that I had come. He and the casting director of a motion picture studio urged me to take a film test, and I agreed to do it the next day. I had no desire to enter motion pictures, but I thought that it might be a sort of a lark to take the screen test. Not because I was conceited, but just because I naturally expected everything to turn out in my favour. I was not surprised that the test was a success, though I admit that I was slightly flabbergasted when they asked me to play a small role in 'Is Zat So?', which was just about to start. From that point, things continued just as they had started. Producers, besieged me with offers of engagements, and I was offered contracts by many of the important studios. I played leading roles in picture after picture, and my fan mail grew and grew. To me these things seemed entirely natural, since all through my life I had been accustomed to getting what I wanted, and totally without effort on my part. Then came the talking pictures. Still I didn't see any reason for making extra effort to retain the place I had gained though I wasn't getting any engagements. I entirely lost sight of the fact that I had never had any stage experience, and that I could neither sing nor dance. Other screen players were hastened to teachers but I just didn't think of it. One day I suddenly realized that if I did not work strenuously for a place in talking pictures, I would not be in pictures at all. I immediately made up my mind to go to work and I did."

## RADIO 10-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.  
6-6.18 p.m.—Operatic.

Trovatore—  
Selection (Verdi),  
Creator's Band 35778.

Pagliacci—  
Selection (Leoncavallo),  
Creator's Band 35791.

6.18-6.50 p.m.—A Concert  
Piano Solo—  
Prelude in D Flat (Chopin),  
Ignace Jan Paderewski 6847.

Song—  
Swiss Echo Song (Eckert),  
Marion Talley (Soprano) 6593.

Violin Solo—  
Oriental Romance (Rimsky-Korsakow),  
Frita Kreisler 1209.

Song—  
The Auld Scotch Sings  
(Bethune-Lesson),  
John McCormack (Tenor) 1305.

Piano Solo—  
Impromptu in A Flat  
(Schubert),  
Etude in E Major (Chopin),  
Ignace Jan Paderewski 6628.

Song—  
Comin' Tho' the Rye (Old  
Scotch Air),  
Marion Talley (Soprano) 1146.

Violin Solo—  
Rose in the Bud (Forster),  
Renée Chemet 1132.

Song—  
The Little Silver Ring  
(Chaminade),  
John McCormack, (Tenor) 1303.

6.50-7.25 p.m.—Variety.  
Songs of Our Native Birds,  
Charles Kellogg (The Nature  
Singer) 35785.

Organ Solo—  
Call Me Darling,  
Jesse Crawford 22901.

Humorous Monologue—  
The Trick Boys,  
Marshall Cole 22305.

Song—  
Gambling Polka Dot Blues,  
Jimmie Rodgers 23636.

Orchestral—  
My Sunshine is You,  
Goodnight, Sweetheart,  
Jack Hylton & His Orchestra 36048.

Organ Solo—  
Rhapsody in Blue,  
Jesse Crawford 22343.

8 p.m.—Local Time.  
Henry VIII (Saint Saens)—  
(a) Introduction and Entrance  
of the Clans,  
(b) Scotch Idyl,  
(c) Dance of The Gypsy,  
(d) Jig and Finale,  
Played by Damrosch and the  
National Sym. Orchestra 7292/3.

Salome's Dance (Richard Strauss),  
Leopold Stokowski and the  
Philadelphia Orchestra  
7259/7260.

Japanese Nocturne (Eichheim),  
Leopold Stokowski and the  
Philadelphia Orchestra  
7260.

7 p.m.—Local Time.  
8.3-11.30 p.m.—Relay from the  
(Continued at foot of next column.)

I launched into an extended course of voice culture; I began to study singing. For the first time in my life I worked. What success I attain now will be really mine. And now I feel that I am regaining my former place on the screen ladder. My feet are again on something solid, and I am happy. But it was a narrow escape.

Miss Carol's latest appearance is in the leading feminine role of "Graft," Universal's stirring newspaper drama which comes to the Central Theatre to-day, with a cast which also includes Regis Toomey, Dorothy Revier, Boris Karloff, Richard Tucker and Carmelita Garaghty. W. Christy Cabanne directed the picture.

## CLARE'S WONDER SHOW.

Something Out of the  
Ordinary in Vaudeville.

### WOMAN "GUILLOTINED"— PORKERS' SNUOT BOUTS —MIND READING.

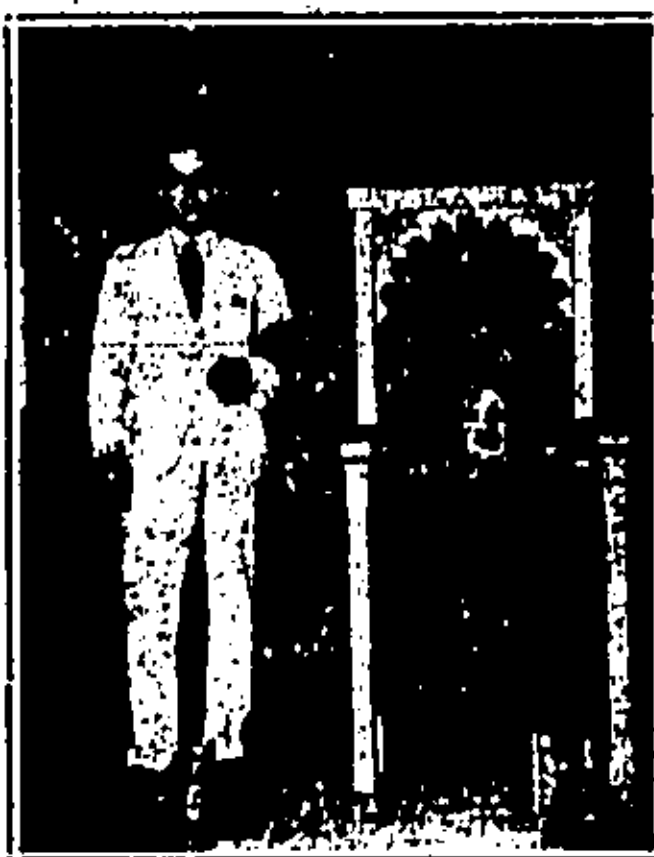
Something unusual, something sensational in the vaudeville line comes to the King's Theatre on Thursday, in conjunction with a picture programme featuring George O'Brien in "A Holy Terror."

On Thursday, F. A. Clare's Wonder Show from America will make its first bow to Hong Kong cinema-goers. They are booked for a short season only, but throughout the rest of this week will entertain at every one of the King's regular performances.

The members of this Show are vaudeville artists of high ability, but first mention must be made of Miss Marjorie Lou. She provides the big thrill. An extraordinary girl is Marjorie, who will be introduced by Prof. Carl Martin, the "bloodless executioner."

During the Show's stay at the King's, pretty Marjorie will face death at a guillotine, under a 300-pound knife, at each performance—four times a day—and yet she does not lose any of her beauty; sleep over it. To her getting her head chopped off is like chocolate eating to other girls, and Marjorie can hold her own in that line too, only you can't expect people to pay to see you eat chocolates, so that is not a part of Marjorie's turn on the stage.

**A Startling Illusion.**  
I saw Marjorie go to her slaughter as meek as a lamb the other day, and she doesn't struggle. Calmly she goes on her knees to the guillotine and places her (Prof. Martin calls it dirty, but I prefer the word dainty) neck on the block, and her hands through two openings at the bottom of the frame. She is secured in this position, and then a lever is pulled and the cruel knife comes down with a bang and Marjorie's head hangs limp.



Miss Marjorie Lou's head balanced on the edge of a sword after it had been "severed" at the guillotine.

Prof. Martin takes it up in a magic cloth and balances it on the edge of a sword pierced through the arms of a chair on the other side of the stage. Here Marjorie's head comes to life again and it smiles and jokes. Her hands, still in place at the guillotine, several feet away, wave to the audience at the command of the head—a very startling illusion! Then, Prof. Martin wraps up the head again, it turns into a cabbage.

**Knocking Theatre.**  
11.30 p.m.—Close Down.  
All records in the above European Programme are kindly supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED  
IN CHINA MAIL.

### Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

### Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "The Man I Killed."  
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Flying High."  
To-day—Central Theatre; "Graft."  
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Texan."  
To-day—Star Theatre; "Lottery Bride."  
To-morrow—Schneider Trio Recital at Helena May Institute, 9.20 p.m.

### Lammerts' Auction.

April 22—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

### Home Mail.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Chitral).

### Meeting.

April 21—Wm. Powell, Ltd., 6, Des Vaux Road Central, 11.30 a.m.

and hey, presto! Marjorie steps out from behind the guillotine with her head back on her shoulder.

### Intelligent Porkers.

Another attractive turn offered by the Show is that of Miss Van Camp and her troupe of trained pigs—six young porkers, two with beautiful spotted marking like dogs. These pigs are very intelligent and answer readily to their names. They do all sorts of tricks such as ring bells, shoot guns, open and shut latched gates, shake hands, and dance the Charleston.

### Snouting Bout.

Two pugacious looking members of this piggy gang are named Dempsey and Heeny, and like their namesakes know everything that is worth knowing in the fist slinging game, only they use their snouts instead. They give a very exciting three round bout in a miniature ring with Miss Van Camp as Ref—and how they do sock each other! In a little 2-round work-out I saw, they were both knocked out of the ring in turn, and like true stout-hearted fighters scrambled back through the ropes for more. So, you may expect real thrills when they touch snouts in an honest-to-goodness scrap which is advertised as "for a knock out, or no decision."

### Mind Reader.

Then there is vivacious "Princess" Zenda, the mind-reader. She stands blindfolded on the stage and tells anyone in the audience what he or she is holding in the hand, tells one's birth date, nationality, or anything else one wants to know.

The other day she told me that I was holding a cigarette in my hand. Well, that's easy enough, because I hold one every minute of the day, and the best part of the night, too, when I'm not asleep. But when she told me that my "coffin nail" was a Chesterfield, and that I smoke them because they satisfy, she won me over.

Then last, but by no means least, there is "Mysto," the sharp 'un, who will keep you guessing all the time he occupies the stage. Altogether very fine entertainment—which alone is worth the price of admission, so that you see George O'Brien in "A Holy Terror" for nothing, and it is seldom one gets something for nothing these hard times.

—Jay.

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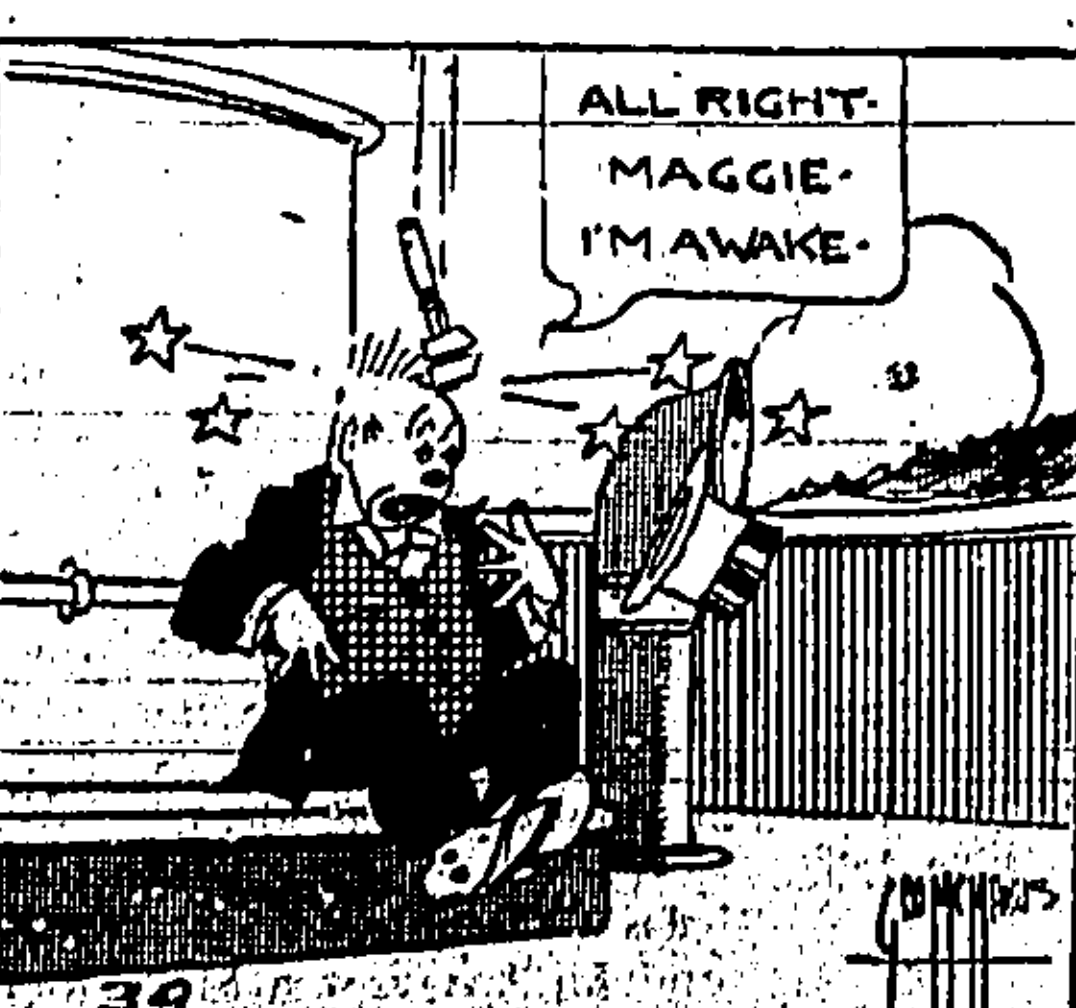
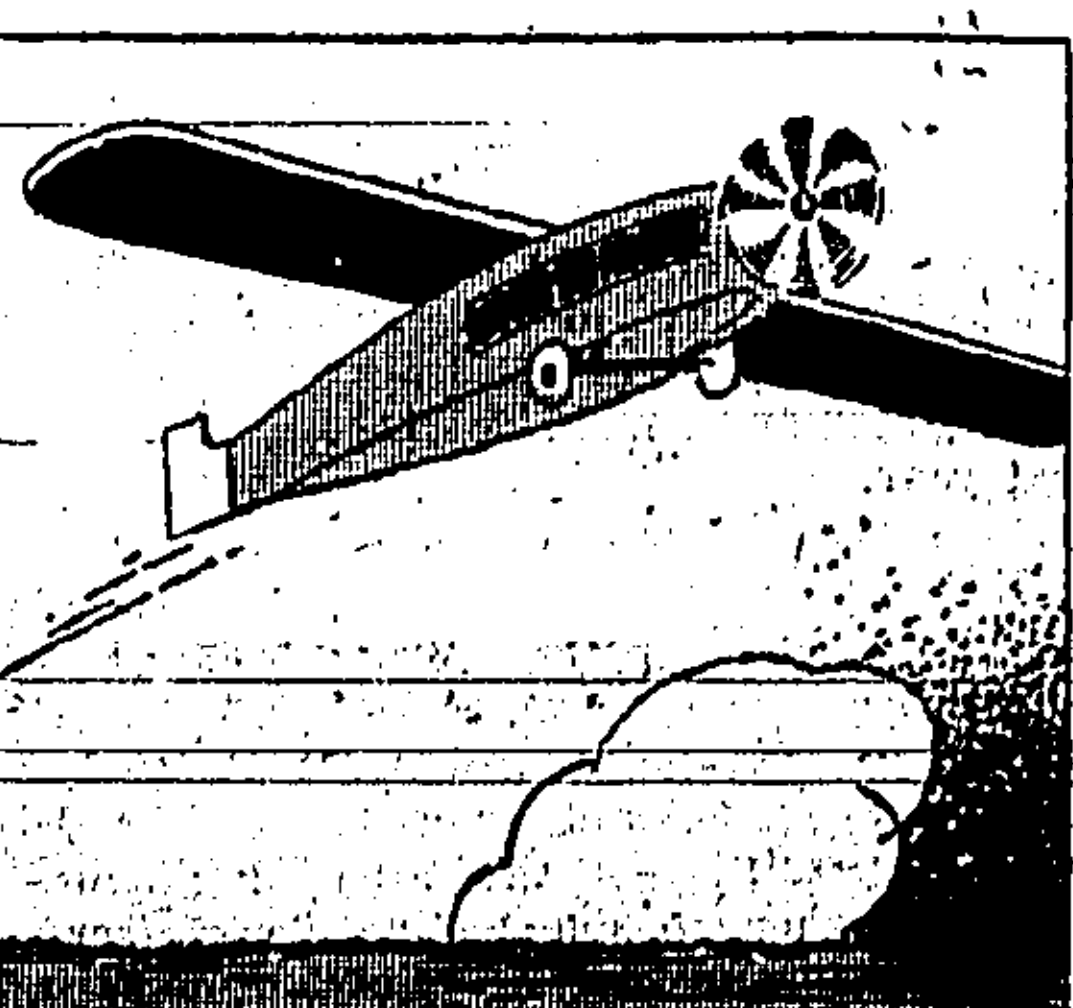
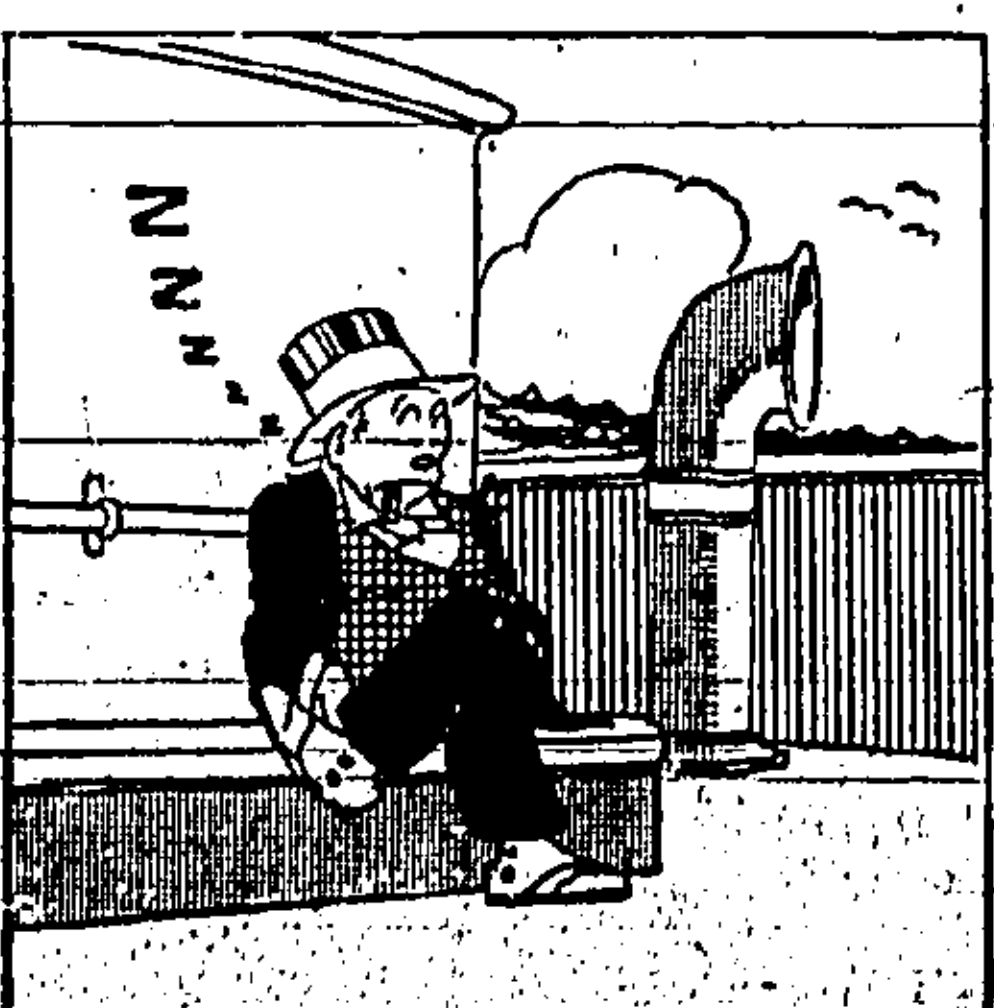
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## RUMJAHN COUSINS AGAIN WIN.

### Eighth Title Won After Gruelling Five Set Encounter

## PLUCKY CHALLENGERS.

(By "Base Line.")

For the eighth year in succession H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn have won the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony. Yesterday they defeated E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman by 6-4, 4-6, 1-6, 6-1, 6-1, after causing their supporters some anxiety in the earlier part of the match.

The challengers played well above the form they displayed in the earlier rounds, but after having gained a definite advantage at the conclusion of the third set, they cracked up badly and from then onwards the issue was never in doubt. It was a game which produced far too many careless mistakes on both sides, though both sides had their inspired spells. Taking the match all-round, however, it was a very fitting conclusion to a most successful tournament.

## DOUBLE FAULTS.

The much-discussed doubles combination, E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman, led by two sets to one and held the first game of the fourth set, before the Rumjahn cousins came into their own. It was a glorious opportunity which unfortunately could not be improved upon. Two smashes at the net which Goldman put out of the court and into the net proved the turning point of the match. That was in the third game of the all-important fourth set.

The Rumjahns realised that their moment had come and so well did they play that only two games were conceded in the remaining two sets. If Goldman had only killed one of those smashes things might have been different; both the challengers were keyed-up to fever pitch and with the match within their grasp they might quite easily have risen to great heights; but those two missed smashes cost them the match.

## Fincher Attacked.

It was a great pity that Goldman was concerned in both incidents; as he had shown brilliant form at different stages of the game, and had even convinced some of the spectators that he was carrying Fincher. I would not exactly say that he carried Fincher, though the latter rarely displayed the form which won him the right to contest the singles final. He was steadier in his stroke production, and his lobbing tactics were well-judged, but his overhead work was not as deadly as it might have been. Goldman was by no means perfect. He was too careless with some of his strokes, but he fully dispelled all doubts as to whether he was going to be the passenger. In fact, so well did he play that the Rumjahn attack was concentrated on Fincher and for long spells on end Goldman was not allowed to enter into the game.

## H. D.'s Influence.

H. D. Rumjahn was the outstanding player on the court, and it was due to his steadiness and generalship that the Indian pair pulled the game out of the fire. "S. A." was a little wild in some of his hitting, but his overhead again showed signs of continual practice. His service was not, however, as sound as one would expect of a champion. He must have given at least eight double faults during the course of the match. Fincher, also, was not too sure of his second service, and Goldman fell by the wayside once or twice. No matter how soft the second service may be, it is always better than a gift point.

## Remarkable Record.

Yesterday's victory gave H. D. Rumjahn his ninth success in the Doubles Championship, as in 1924, when partnered by O. Rumjahn, he won his first title at the expense of Ng Sze-kwong and C. Choa. Then followed his run of successes in partnership with his cousin Sirdar Rumjahn. Goldman has now appeared in two finals. In 1929, partnered by J. S. McEachran, he was within an ace of winning the title, and probably would have done so had not McEachran cracked up badly in the final stages of that historic match.

## Sirdar's Double.

S. A. Rumjahn has now achieved the tennis "double"—winning the Singles and Doubles Championships—on two occasions—in 1927 and 1932. Only one other player can claim a better record than this. Ng Sze-kwong accomplished the "double" in 1918, 1919, 1922, and 1923.

The following is a complete record of the Rumjahn cousins' triumphs:—

1925 beat Capt. C. H. D. O'Callaghan and G. R. Growler.  
1926 beat Major Pratt and Major W. B. Stevenson.  
1927 beat T. Honda and T. Akiyama.  
1928 beat H. R. B. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham.  
1929 beat J. S. McEachran and L. Goldman.  
1930 beat Paul Kong and Ho Kailau.  
1931 beat C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. E. Cassumbhoy.  
1932 beat E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman.

"Dick" Hancock's Speech.  
At the conclusion of the match Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, the President of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, gave a short speech in which he congratulated the winners on their success. He said that, although everyone was delighted to see "Smiler" Rumjahn again win the championship, he was sorry to see

## Our Sports Diary.

## TO-DAY.

HOCKEY—Y.M.C.A. v. Radio.  
TENNIS—G. Bodiker v. S. A. Rumjahn; G. Bodiker and Leung Tak-kwong v. L. Goldman and E. C. Fincher.

## TO-MORROW.

FOOTBALL—Third Division—R.A.F. v. Borderers.  
TENNIS—Leung Tak-kwong v. M. W. Lo; G. Bodiker and E. C. Fincher v. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn.

## THURSDAY.

ATHLETICS—Hong Kong Area Meeting at Sookunpoo (First Day).

## FRIDAY.

ATHLETICS—Hong Kong Area Meeting at Sookunpoo (Final Day).

## SATURDAY.

CRICKET—Interport Trial at H.K.C.C.  
RACING—Fourth Extra Race Meeting.

Fincher lost after his third successive attempt on the championship, and wished him every success in his venture next year. "Smiler" he added, had competed in the tournament since he was a boy of 16, and this year he had recorded his second success, after having reached the semi-final round on ten occasions.

Speaking of the doubles champions, Mr. Hancock said that they had already carried off two large cups for "keeps," but the cups now open to competition, fortunately for the Hong Kong C.C. the donors, were only to be held for a period of one year. The losers, he thought, would gain much from their encounter and should do better next year.

S. E. Green's Versatility.  
Mr. Hancock, when speaking on the Club Championships, drew special attention to the success of S. E. Green in the Handicap Singles "A." This player, he said, showed remarkable versatility at the present moment when considering he won the Championship of the Colony as far back as 1917 after

## SOCCER AT VALLEY TO-MORROW.

P.W.D. v. Sanitary Dept. in Annual Match.

The annual soccer match between the P.W.D. and Sanitary Department will take place on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, to-morrow at 5 p.m.

This will be the sixth meeting of the two Departments and the P.W.D. team will probably be composed of the following:

Wood, Buttress, Lawrence, McBride, Richardson, K. S. Robertson; H. Braga, Hill, Spary, Moore, and Bebbington.

It is hoped that as many as possible of the supporters of the two Departments will turn up to give their encouragement;—especially as admission to the match is free!

## POLICE HOCKEY ELEVEN.

For Mamak Shield Encounter.

The following have been selected to play for the Police against the C.B.A. in a Mamak Hockey Tournament match on Friday, at Caroline Hill, at 5.15 p.m. sharp:—Moss; Blackburn, Khushi Mohammed; Tate, Dowman, Thorpe; C. Pile, Harris, Rulla Khan, Perkins and Allen. Reserves—Billingham, Jenner.

## INTER-FACULTY TENNIS.

Medical Beat Arts Yesterday.

In a tennis encounter on the University Pavilion ground yesterday the Medical faculty defeated the Arts faculty by seven sets to two.

Full results were as follows: Medical pairs are mentioned first:

F. Y. Khoo and T. K. Lien:—

beat C. E. R. Clarabutt and F. Zimmern 6-3

beat W. K. Choa and P. T. Kho 6-1

lost to Y. F. Chew and D. J. N. Anderson (capt.) 5-7

G. E. Yeoh and Y. K. Ng (capt.):—

beat C. E. R. Clarabutt and F. Zimmern 7-5

beat W. K. Choa and P. T. Kho 6-2

lost to Y. F. Chew and D. J. N. Anderson (capt.) 5-7

Prof. L. T. Ride and H. N. Lee:—

beat C. E. R. Clarabutt and F. Zimmern 6-2

beat W. K. Choa and P. T. Kho 6-1

beat Y. F. Chew and D. J. N. Anderson (capt.) 6-3

A series of three successive victories.

Mr. Hancock complimented the tennis authorities of the Hong Kong C.C. for the way in which they had handled the tournament, and said that, although the drop in entries this year had been negligible, the championships had been concluded three weeks earlier this year.

At the conclusion of his brief speech Miss Hancock distributed the trophies after which she was presented with a bouquet of flowers in a silver holder entwined with the colours of the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

## PRIZE WINNERS.

Open Singles.

Winner:—S. A. Rumjahn.

Runner-up:—E. C. Fincher.

Open Doubles.

Winners:—H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn.

Runners-up:—E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman.

Club Championship.

Winner:—L. Goldman.

Runner-up:—A. L. Sullivan.

Handicap Doubles "A."

Winner:—S. E. Green, (owe 15).

Runner-up:—H. F. Foley (scr.).

Handicap Singles "B."

Winner:—C. C. Clarke (scr.).

Runner-up:—J. V. Jensen (rec. 4/8).

Mixed Doubles.

Winners:—J. G. Lecky and Mrs. Lecky (scr.).

Runners-up:—H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Martell Hall (owe 50).

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# Cold Steel and Hard Facts in Golf.

By Charles Ambrose

Several correspondents have written in lately, asking questions about steel shafts. "I have been playing golf, roughly, for two years," writes one, "and I have reached that period when I should like to make a few alterations to my iron clubs. I like the feel of a steel-shafted driver that I use, but what I want to know is, do iron clubs fitted with steel shafts give one a jarring sensation if one does not strike the ball quite truly? There has been a lot of controversy over this matter, and it has left me rather confused."

Another golfer seeking information writes: "Now that steel shafts have been more or less in general use for a considerable time, many mid-handicap golfers of moderate means would welcome some definite opinion from a competent source as to the discovered merits or demerits of these steel shafts before deciding to abandon hickory for steel and investing in a complete and graded set. I feel sure it would be much appreciated by the class of golfer referred to if your golf correspondent would give us one or more articles on this much discussed and rather perplexing problem."

Evidently somebody has been puzzling the poor golfer. For my own part I plead "not guilty," says Charles Ambrose in the Morning Post. From the first mention of steel shafts, which, of course, came from America, I urged our own authorities to permit their use in this country in order to allow the golfer the widest possible freedom in the choice of implements; and even since they were allowed here—over a year ago now—I have counselled each and every golfer to give them a fair trial and to work out his own salvation from the result.

## Jones's Choice.

To a limited extent only is it possible to generalise on the subject. Bobby Jones sticks to hickory because the purveyors of hickory shafts are only too proud to supply him with their very best "sticks." But the average hickory shaft is definitely inferior to the average steel shaft so that the average player would on that account be well advised to prefer steel. The price is about the same, but the life of a steel shaft is obviously likely long to outlast hickory.

Against these material considerations, however, must be set the fact that a "sweet" hickory shaft is a very much pleasanter thing to play with than cold steel. Have any of my readers ever handled a steel lawn-tennis racket? It weighs the same as its wooden brother, and it does its work all right, but it neither looks nor feels quite the same.

Take, again, the case of a cricket bat. How much sweeter is a drive with a bat, with "plenty of wood in it" in the right place, than with a lean, hard, unsympathetic thing otherwise identical in shape, size and weight? A steel cricket bat might, or might not, yield the same results, but it would certainly never give the same pleasure; and so far as all these considerations take me, it would appear that while economy points to steel shafts, the golfing epicure will still prefer good wood as long as he can get it.

## Different Timing.

Another aspect of this many-sided question is this: Within my own experience it is extremely difficult to intermix "hickory" iron-shots with "steel" iron-shots. A player may have steel-shafted drivers, brasses, and spoons, and all

his irons shafted with hickory, and not suffer; or conversely his irons may all be steel-shafted and his "woodens" wood all through. But if he takes a hickory-shafted iron for one shot, and a steel-shafted iron for the next, and "gets away" with it, then I doff my hat to him!

There is something so different about the way a thin steel shaft cuts through the air, after hickory, that a golfer can hardly hope to avoid being disturbed by it, even if the lack of resistance in coming through the air does not actually bring the club-head into contact with the ball long before he is ready for it. I would, therefore, solemnly warn all inexperienced golfers against this particular danger. By all means have steel drivers and wooden irons, or vice versa, if they suit you so; but to mix up your irons or your "woodens" will seriously complicate the game of golf for you.

Elderly golfers of the first class have been greatly assisted in preserving their game by the introduction of steel shafts. The reason for this, I think, is that the higher resiliency of steel enables the elder to get distance with less effort. Yet a really hard hitter may actually lose distance with steel. Perhaps this apparent paradox can best be explained by giving living instances.

Mr. de Montmorency will forgive my saying that he is past the first blush of youth. He complained that he was "losing length from the tee" before steel shafts came in. Now he declares that steel shafts have given his game a new lease of life. He sweeps the ball away without pressing, and so extracts the maximum value from the springy steel with the minimum of exertion.

## Storey's Story.

Now turn to the case of two slashing young internationals—Eustace Storey and Rex Hartley. Storey has only one steel-shafted club in his bag, and that is a spoon. He says that in the old days, before steel shafts were legalised, Hartley generally outdrove him from the tee. Then steel came in. Hartley took to steel, Storey stuck to wood, and now Storey declares that when they both really hit their drives he (Storey) looks to find his ball twenty yards ahead of Rex Hartley's.

To sum up: If you are an elderly gentleman, take to steel and stick to it. If you have a nice, even swing, steel, again, will probably fill your bill. But if you are a hitter, and your ambition is to outdrive Tolley, then you are likely to get along better with a good stout hickory shaft—if you can get it—than with anything else.

So much for drivers and brasses. A spoon is rather a betwixt-and-between individual sort of a club—a thing apart, usually picked up from somebody who gave it away because he had "no use for the darned thing," and it may be made of anything. As for irons, if you have got two or three trusty old hickory friends, do not throw them away. Sooner or later they will break and then it will be time enough to experiment with steel.

What effect such experiment may have upon any particular individual's game, who can tell? I am afraid I cannot, but the local professional ought to be able to assist in arriving at a conclusion. By the way, I have omitted to answer my first questioner's query as to steel shafts "farring the hands." All I can say is that I have missed many iron-shots with steel-shafted clubs in my time without noticing anything of the kind.

## FOURTH SUBMARINE FLOTILLA.

### Farewell Dance at Lane, Crawford's.

"Dance and be merry for to-morrow we sail," seemed to be the motto of the Ships Company of H.M.S. Medway and the Submarine Flotilla, judging by the atmosphere at Lane, Crawford's, last night, when the Farewell Dance, delayed by the strictures against Service men attending public functions, was held at that hall. There was a splendid muster of

Officers and men, including some visitors from the American Navy, and a good attendance of ladies, although the latter were, of course, in a minority.

The Medway's Dance Band played splendidly throughout, were generous with encores and, altogether, a very happy time was spent.

The attendance was somewhat diminished, possibly due to the doubt as to whether the Dance would be held, but the floor was comfortably crowded, and the Dance was undoubtedly a success. The Medway's Dance Committee promise further similar dances on the return of the Flotilla to Hong Kong in the Autumn.

## MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

### Lorry Driver Pleads "Not Guilty."

Appearing before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, Wong Kam-leung, a licensed motor lorry driver, pleaded "not guilty" to a charge of manslaughter.

The incident leading up to the charge occurred on February 17, in Waterloo Road, when it is alleged, Le Ts'uen, was killed by a Chevrolet car which accused was driving.

The following jury was empanelled—Mr. B. C. Field (Foreman), and Messrs. C. Tetzel, C. R. Wilson, S. Jex, H. Hyndman, R. Abraham and Lo Yuk-tong.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell is for the Crown, while Mr. Leo d'Almada, junior, instructed by Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, of Messrs. Russ & Co., is defending.

Opening the case for the Crown, Mr. Lindsell, outlined the accident, and explained how, in overtaking another vehicle, the lorry, driven by the accused, came into contact with a hand-truck manned by coolies. The victim's death was caused by the shaft of the truck entering his body.

Evidence was given by Mr. Lamb, Inspector Vincent and Mr. H. C. Bouchier, the case being then adjourned until to-day.

At this morning's hearing, accused's statement was read by a Police interpreter, after which evidence was given by two coolies who were pulling the ropes of the truck which the deceased was steering when the accident occurred. The case will be continued in the afternoon.

## OPENING CLASSROOM WINDOWS.

### Fr. Byrne's Lecture.

A large gathering of University Education Society members listened last evening to an informative address by the Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J., on the subject of Dr. Montessori's pioneer work in educative reform.

In the course of his talk, Fr. Byrne said that it was easier to discover the pioneer in the realm of execution than in the realm of thought. There were few ideas in the educational world, which were inclined to call modern, that had not been enunciated long ago.

We talked about self-activity as if it was a new idea, but in the 13th century St. Thomas Aquinas, in a treatise on The Teacher, insisted on the teacher's knowledge of the mental processes, the functions of the senses, emotions, feelings to assist the pupil in the unfolding of his young powers, for learning is "growth in self-activity." But, somehow, to-day, when we enter classrooms, we find them heavy with the hot air of theory and we wish that some practical teacher would open the windows! It is just here that a woman has often come to the rescue to make us realise that when an idea, whether political or religious, goes down from the mind of man to the heart of a woman, and becomes a sentiment—thought inspired by feeling—its power to resist all opposition and to triumph over every difficulty, is increased a hundredfold.

Not the least among the many women, who have opened classroom windows for the sunshine of happiness to stream into them and the light of common sense to brighten them, was the Lady Doctor Maria Montessori. One would hardly say that she was a pioneer in educational theories. She went out of her way to acknowledge her debt to Seguin. She did not know how deeply indebted Seguin was to Pereira (1715-1780), in spite of Seguin's writings. Pereira's work was devoted to deaf-mutes, who were sadly neglected. The Latin poet Lucretius had written of them:

"To instruct the deaf no art could ever reach,  
No care improve them, and no wisdom teach."

## TOY MACHINE GUNS.

Gang-guns are quieter in these days, but Chicago has not forgotten its gangster past, says Reuter.

George Katsman strode into the police station with what appeared to be a machine gun, the type that has long been a favourite of gangland.

"Look what our children are play-

## FOREIGN FIRMS IN DISPUTE.

### Over Sale of Fancy Suitings from Paris.

#### BREACH OF AGREEMENT?

A dispute over an agreement for the sale of fancy suitings from Paris was aired before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C.) in the Supreme Court this morning.

The plaintiffs in the action are Messrs. P. M. Pinguet & Co., of 5, Queen's Road Central, who are suing the Compagnie Optorg, of Shanghai, for damages for breach of contract concerning the price of the fancy suitings.

#### Plaintiffs' Claim.

In their claim the plaintiffs alleged that by an agreement between the parties, having relation to the independent sale by the parties to local dealers of a specified quality of fancy suitings manufactured by, and to be independently ordered by the parties from Messrs. Rondon, Paris, it was agreed that the plaintiffs should sell at the price of \$4.80 per yard, and the defendants at \$4.85 per yard.

The defendants, it is alleged, in breach of the said agreement, sold the fancy suitings at \$4.70 per yard, so that the plaintiffs suffered damage in that they were unable to sell 20,700 yards at a higher price than \$4.65 per yard. But for the defendants' breach of the agreement, it is claimed, the plaintiffs could have sold at the agreed price of \$4.80 per yard.

#### Loss of \$3,105.

Damages to the amount of \$3,105 are claimed by the plaintiffs, being the difference between the agreed price of \$4.80 and the price of \$4.65 per yard at which the plaintiffs had to sell, thus sustaining loss to the amount claimed.

In their statement of defence, the defendants deny that the agreement alleged by the plaintiffs was made between the parties. Alternately, the defendants claim that if any agreement had been made there was no consideration for such an agreement. Further, the defendants deny that the plaintiffs had suffered any damages.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist) appeared for Messrs. P. M. Pinguet & Co., while the Compagnie Optorg were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master).

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

### Lifeless and Dull.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day stated:—

The fall in the sterling value of the dollar failed to act as an incentive towards more liveliness in the market, and conditions this morning were still on the dull side.

#### Sales.

Hong Kong Banks, \$1,550.  
Union Insurances, \$470.  
Ewos Cottons, Tls. 15 1/4/15.15.  
Hong Kong Trams, \$21.85/21.90.  
Hong Kong Electric, \$74.  
Constructions (new), \$1.85.  
Govt. Loans, 4 per cent. Premium.

#### Buyers.

Hong Kong Banks, \$1,540.  
Union Insurances, \$465.  
Douglases, \$25.  
Benguet, \$14 1/2.  
Wharves, \$143 1/2.  
Providents (new), \$2 1/4.  
Chinese Estates \$95 1/4.  
Benguet Explorations, 29 cents.  
Hong Kong Trams, \$21 1/2.  
Yau-mat Ferries, \$35 1/4.  
China Lights (old), 20 1/2.  
Macao Electric, \$24 1/2.  
Cements (combined), \$18 1/4.  
Lane, Crawford's (old), \$5.60.  
Amusements, \$22 1/2.  
Constructions (new), \$1.80.  
Govt. Loans, 3 1/4 per cent. Premium.

#### Sellers.

S. C. Enterprises, \$10.  
Constructions (old), \$5.60.

ing with nowadays," he said. The toy his son had brought home not only looked like a machine gun, but it also sounded like one, with a clockwork arrangement in the cartridge drum emitting a typewriter staccato when the trigger was pulled.

"Cannot something be done about this," he asked.

The court promised to try, and in a short time a section in the municipal code was found prohibiting the sale of toys without a licence. So now boys are discouraged from playing gangsters.



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## BISHOP TALKS ON GAMBLING.

### If Bishops Ran Sweepstakes!

#### WHAT WOULD THE PUBLIC SAY?

Some entertaining observations

on gambling and the element of chance were made by the Bishop of Hull in an address to members of the Leeds Luncheon Club.

"Quoting the definition of gambling as 'the determination of ownership of property by an appeal to chance,' Bishop Heywood said the Yorkshire Post, 'said people asked where the line was to be drawn, but he was not troubled about that. One could

not say exactly where an egg ceased to be a good egg, and became a bad egg, but for all practical purposes one knew which kind of egg one was going to eat, and which one was going to throw.

"Whist and bridge, he held, were games of skill, in that two good players would win against two inferior players; but, in fact, two inferior players would not go on for long playing two skilled players for money, and what would happen would be that in the long run the people who played together would be approximately of the same skill, the element of chance would become more dominant, and, therefore, on the whole, he thought he would hold bridge-playing for money as gambling.

"With regard to betting on horses, the Bishop said he could imagine circumstances in which it might not be regarded as gambling. If the stable always ran the best horse to win and the jockey always rode to win, and the bookie followed the form of the horses, and took

notice on a particular day of the condition of the ground; whether it was hard or soft, and would suit his horse. But he thought he was right in saying that those conditions were not normal.

"Describing himself as an 'intuitionist,' Bishop Heywood said it was not at all easy to say that anything was wrong, but there was such a thing as intuition. 'Supposing the Archbishop of York was to organise a sweepstake on the Derby among the Bishops of the Northern Province,' he said, 'I feel quite confident that a great many people would think it was rather a doubtful thing for him to do. But why should not we go in for a Sweepstake as well as anybody else?'

"Appealing to those who had any respect and affection for their country to help to check the 'mania' that seemed to be spreading over the world, Bishop Heywood said he believed it was a good thing for the Church to discourage gambling in any form."



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### The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, April 19, 1932.

#### Budgets.

As the Chancellor of the Exchequer to-day walks or drives along Whitehall to the Houses of Parliament, the little black bag or attache case, which he may be seen to be carrying, will be the cynosure of many eyes and the subject of speculation as to what species of cats are in the bag. Or, to change the metaphor, when Pandora's Box is opened, what harpies will be loosed to alight and feed upon the British taxpayer, or, again, will robins and nightingales be released to make the world for the British taxpayer a happier place in which to live in 1932?

There will be no means of knowing for certain what surprises, pleasant or otherwise, the Chancellor has in store to-day, for Budget secrets are exceedingly closely guarded. We shall not, therefore, indulge in speculations as to the contents of the Budget. To-morrow readers will be aware of to-day's secrets. It is futile to speculate now and at this distance from the seat and heart of the Empire upon Mr. Neville Chamberlain's jealously kept secrets. We must content ourselves, then, with such speculations as Reuter has been pleased to telegraph to us. Reuter has already told us, it is believed in circles where such gossip is indulged in to-day, that there may be a tax on rubber and the imposition of a duty on tea with a preference for Empire teas. And that there is not likely to be a reduction of income tax, except for some slight relief for married men through adjustments in allowances. That, then, is how matters must stand for the present. But we shall now proceed to write about Budgets, in general.

The word "budget" is derived from a Gallic word meaning sack and, in the course of time, came to be applied to an account of the ways and means by which the income and expenditure for a definite period are to be balanced. The term first came into use in England about 1760. The Budget is the statement of the actual results of revenue and expenditure in the past financial year, showing how far estimates have been realised, and what surplus or deficit there has been in the income as compared with the expenditure. It is accompanied by another statement which is given an estimate of what the proceeds of the revenue may be in the year just entered upon, showing the taxes and duties to be levied, and an estimate of what the expenditure will be in the current year, and the estimated revenue, after allowing for normal increase of the principal sources of income, be less than the estimated expenditure, this is usually deemed a case for the im-

position of some new, or the increase of some existing, tax or taxes. On the other hand, if the estimated revenue shows a large surplus over the estimated expenditure, there is room for remitting or reducing some tax or taxes, and the extent of this relief is generally limited to the amount of surplus realized in the previous year. It is rather more the exception than the rule that once a tax has been imposed it is ever taken off. Chancellors usually find reasons for retaining the tax, in spite of large surpluses over expenditure. The House of Commons debates the statements presented and, in due course, passes as the Finance Act the final budget estimate for the year. By amendments any of the figures may be reduced but not increased.

Looking back in the historical pages of the British Budget, we come across certain that have become of outstanding importance for one reason or another. For example, in the Autumn of 1852 Disraeli introduced a Budget on which he was defeated. The 1860 Budget, owing to the ratification of a commercial treaty with France, was introduced as early as February in that year. In 1869, through a change of administration, the Budget was not introduced until July, while in 1880 there were two Budgets, one introduced in March, under Disraeli's administration, and the other in June, under Gladstone's administration. It is usual for the Budget to be introduced in April every year.

#### Primrose Day.

To-day is Primrose Day, the anniversary of the death of one of England's greatest Prime Ministers, Benjamin Disraeli, also known and revered in history as Lord Beaconsfield. The memory of this great Tory or Conservative is respected on this day and kept evergreen. The Day is so named after Disraeli's favourite flower, and the name has also been bestowed upon an organisation for spreading Conservative principles amongst the British democracy. The Primrose League. The principles of the League are best explained in the declaration which every member is asked to sign: "I declare on my honour and faith that I will devote my best ability to the maintenance of religion, of the estates of the realm, and of the Imperial ascendancy of the British Empire, and that, consistently with my allegiance to my sovereign, I will stand with Disraeli and his heirs, and shall be guided by the motto of the League, 'The Primrose League'." The motto of the League is 'The Primrose League' and the badge, a monogram containing the letters P.L. surrounded by primroses. It was established in 1884 and has a

separate Ladies' Branch and Grand Council.

It is interesting to note that what may be described as a Tariff Budget is being introduced to-day—Primrose Day, and being introduced by what also may be described as a Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer.

#### Correspondence.

##### SUICIDE AN OFFENCE?

[To the Editor of "China Mail."] Sir,—Your leading article on the question raised at Singapore by Chief Justice Sir William Morrison—Should Suicide be an Offence?—was most interesting. Since reading it I have given the subject careful thought, and am of the opinion that suicide, under any circumstances, is illegal, and is therefore, an offence. An authority states that suicide in Christian ethics, is illegal—it is self-murder, according to the dictionary.

Life is an inexplicable mystery. Man is given life. He is born into the world to live, and to make some use of his life, in promoting interest in the world. Your correspondent *Suicide*, is a firm believer in the survival of the fittest. Are all the unemployed, then, entitled to commit suicide?

Suicide is when a man or woman designedly destroys his or her own life. God has given us our life, and He will take it when the time comes. Suicide is illegal.

Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, April 18, 1932.

#### News in Brief.

An Investiture is to be held at Government House on Monday, May 2, at 10.50 a.m.

Lowest open air temperature yesterday was 67°. Humidity at 10 a.m. was 72 at 4 p.m. 76.

Eight cases of small-pox, one of diphtheria (imported), and nine of meningitis were notified to the authorities yesterday.

The P. & O. S.S. *Chitral* is due here from Singapore at noon on Wednesday, April 20. She will sail for Shanghai the following day, Thursday, April 21, at 10 a.m.

The Kailan Mining Administration report that the total output of the Administration's mines for the week ending April 2, 1932, amounted to 117,697 metric tons, and the sales during the period to 87,415 metric tons.

A Chinese woman, stated to be 70 years of age and unable to give particulars about herself, was sent to the S.C.A. yesterday, for enquiries. She was found by Lau Sam, a P.W.D. coolie, attempting to commit suicide by hanging herself from a tree at Wong Nei Chung Gap.

In the Supreme Court this morning, the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.), admitted Mr. G. S. Ford to practise as a solicitor in this Colony. The application was made by the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.). Mr. Ford will practise with Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, with which firm he was articulated.

#### Personal Pars.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Thomas Sutherland, Marine Surveyor, Penang, to Miss Margaret Eva Finch, of Tientsin.

Lady Drummond Hay was a passenger leaving Shanghai the other day by aeroplane for Hankow where she was to be the guest of H.M. Consul-General and Lady Hewlett.

#### EMPIRE PRODUCTS FAIR.

The plan for an Empire Products Fair in connection with the local observance of Empire Day is, we hear, being taken up with marked enthusiasm. The event is being held at the Peninsula Hotel on May 23 and 24, and already the measure of support promised assures a very fine display of products from various parts of the Colony, from the Mother Country, and from the Dominions.

Arrangements are being made whereby individuals and firms may secure space in the Fair for the exhibition of British goods. No charge is being made for reservations, but any donations towards the Fair funds will be welcome. Already there has been a good response in this direction.

## SMALL COIN

#### An Annual Report.

I have received a copy of the annual report of The Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation Ltd., as presented to shareholders on March 23, 1932, in London. The total premiums for the year 1931 show a decrease of £948,914 and this is attributed mainly to the effects of the worldwide depression in trade, which has entailed a large reduction in the volume of employment and in the rate of wages payable to workmen, thus seriously restricting the principal sources from which the Corporation's income is drawn. Another factor in reducing the insurable values on which premiums are calculated is the heavy fall in the value of commodities. Nevertheless, the operations of the year resulted in a surplus of £410,203.94d. and a dividend of 4s. 6d. per share, less Income Tax at 5s. 7d. in the £ for the year was declared.

#### National Debt of Japan.

I read that Japan's national debt at the end of December 1931 stood at Yen 6,187,000,000, the highest figure in the history of the country. Foreign loans had decreased by over six million Yen, while domestic loans had increased by Yen 238,000,000.

#### Historic Relic.

The Leipzig Museum of Applied Arts has now in its valuable collection a carpet of considerable historic interest. It is carpet 16 by 26 feet, stained with the blood of Tsar Paul I of Russia, who was murdered in 1801. The rug was presented in 1782 by Louis XVI of France to Paul, then Crown Prince.

#### Grave and Altar in Chinese Art.

Mrs. Carter Murphy in Shanghai gave a fascinating lecture on this subject, a few days ago. She said that the Chinese used symbols to express their great thoughts on life and death. Many ornaments which had been discovered pointed to their belief in a life after death. She also said that the designs used by the very ancient Chinese were somewhat similar to those discovered elsewhere, and on this premise advanced the theory that the Chinese people came originally from an advanced Western civilisation.

#### Tigers Have It Out.

A rubber estate in Johore, Malaya, had been troubled by tigers for some weeks recently. A bullock, a goat and a dog was the

loot that had been levied, and when another bullock had been killed, the manager decided to sit up for the beasts that were known to be in the neighbourhood. Two tigers approached the kill when the manager fired and wounded one of the two. But the wounded beast got away. Then, some days later, a hunt was organised and a party of shikaris sat up over a kill. They had the unique sight of three tigers engaged in a fight over the kill. Shots were fired but two of the animals escaped. The third, a splendid male specimen measuring eight feet, was brought down.

#### A Costly Joke.

Justly remarking to a man who placed a half-crown on a horse at 20-1 that he would pay him £5 a week for life if the animal won (as eventually it did), a bookmaker has been held technically liable to do so. He argued that it was a joke—as undoubtedly it was—but his client thought otherwise, and placed the matter before Tattersall's Committee, the final court of appeal in the sporting world. The committee have ruled against the bookmaker, but with a recommendation to mercy, so to speak. Without knowing the full facts as argued, it would seem on the face of it that Tattersall's ruling is somewhat severe, comments the North China Daily News. The bookmaker offered twenty half-crowns to one and presumably paid them. There does not appear to have been any stake against the £5 a week for life, and so it could not be a bet, but only a private piece of philanthropy which the too talkative bookmaker could repudiate.

This recalls a story of the late Mr. Charlie Barff, one of the cheeriest of the old school of racing men in Shanghai, says the Shanghai newspaper. A joker laid him a million beans to one against a despised pony, who also upset calculations, and Mr. Barff insisted on his million beans. Possibly fearful that the layer might get the better of him by attempting to count out a million beans in odd spare moments, Mr. Barff weighed a few beans, calculated the weight of the total, converted them into cash at the market rate, and requested a cheque for that amount, which was not small. History records that eventually the bet was squared for a good dinner for a big company of kindred spirits and a cheque for something, but not for a million beans.

#### CROESUS.

Defendant denied the allegation, stating that, while he admitted having exceeded the speed limit in that area, he was travelling at 24 miles an hour. He complained that the danger post at the corner, being on the left side of the road was not distinct, as motorists approaching the corner would naturally look to the right hand side.

His Worship pointed out the mere presence of the post indicated danger. However, he directed the attention of the put in a more conspicuous position. Traffic Department to have the post bend between the H.K. Electric Power Station and Watson Road. He would meet the present case.

## EXCEEDING THE SPEED-LIMIT.

### EUROPEAN FINED.

Mr. C. E. Holmes, of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., was summoned before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, for having exceeded the speed limit in Whitefield on April 11 last. It was alleged that he drove at 85 miles per hour when rounding a bend between the H.K. Electric Power Station and Watson Road.

#### THE "CHINA MAIL" OBSERVES

1. That the present stumbling-block in Shanghai is the time limit for the withdrawal of Japanese troops.—A little of those explosives used to blow to pieces rival forces might be used to good effect.
2. That the Chancellor of the Exchequer may rub it in to-day with a tax on rubber.
3. That monkeys have four feet and not four hands.—So it may be said of them with truth that they are always putting their feet in it.
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Proceedings at the Thirty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank, held at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.4, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of March, 1932. Sir T. S. Catto, Bart., the Deputy-Chairman, presiding.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said: Ladies and gentlemen, I am sorry to say the Chairman is ill. He has asked me to express to you his regret that, on the advice of his doctor, he is unable to be present to-day to preside over the meeting. I am glad, however, to be able to assure you that he is progressing favourably. His devoted attention to the affairs of the Bank is well known to you all, and I am sure I am interpreting your wishes in asking your permission to send to him an expression of your regret at his absence and the best wishes of us all for his speedy recovery. (Hear, hear.)

I know you have come to hear the Chairman deliver one of his interesting addresses. I am afraid you will find me an inadequate substitute, but it will be my privilege to read his speech to you and my duty afterwards to answer any questions that may be put to me. Good Ship "Mercantile Bank."

Before reading the Chairman's address may I, just for a moment, touch on one point. I would like to emphasise the difficulties of the year we are reviewing. I am sure you realise the Board and the Officials of the Bank have had an anxious and trying time. We all owe a tribute to the cautious policy of your Directors in better years which made the financial timbers of the good ship "Mercantile Bank" so strong that she was able to ride the tempest of last year in a manner worthy of her traditions and her place in Eastern banking.

In these uncertain times he would indeed be a rash man to prophesy the future. I do not intend to attempt it, but there is a silver lining to all clouds, even if we can see it only dimly, and so we shall go forward with courage and confidence, spurred a little, perhaps, by the ordeal of last year, but richer by the experience.

Before I read the Chairman's speech I will ask the Chief Manager, Mr. J. Stewart, to read the notice convening the meeting and the Auditors' Certificate.

The Chief Manager read the notice and the Auditors' Certificate.

### CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Chairman: Well, ladies and gentlemen, the Chairman's address to you is as follows:—

Gentlemen, I expect you will, as usual, permit me to take the Directors' Report and the Accounts as read. I would at once wish to say how much we regret the loss we have suffered by the resignation of Mr. Robinson from the Board. He not only took a deep interest in the welfare of the Bank but gave us valuable advice and assistance. We are sorry to lose his services, but unfortunately his health was such that he felt it was only fair to the Bank he should resign. I am sure you will all join me in wishing him a quick restoration to health. (I would like, on behalf of all the Directors, to join in what the Chairman says in this opening paragraph in regard to Mr. Robinson.)

The closing of our Sub-Agency at Kuala Lumpur is due chiefly to a change in the plans and organisation of the Federated Malay States Railways and as the other business of the Bank in Malayan can be carried on at Kuala Lumpur.

A Most Momentous Event.—At our meeting last year I referred to what I described as a "most

world-wide depression in 1930, and said that the outlook for the then current year depended upon a recovery in prices generally. Unfortunately, not only has there been no such recovery, but there has been a further fall in prices and a grave world economic crisis. The suspension of the Gold Standard by this country is the most momentous event in post-war financial history. It is true that, so far, at any rate, the depreciation of the pound has not brought about any material rise in internal prices in this country, but this is at least partly due to the people who, as the result of high reduced purchasing power of our taxation, are finding it necessary to exercise strict economy. Any tendency to an advance in sterling prices has been offset to some extent by a fall in gold prices. This in turn has reduced the purchasing power of countries still on a gold or gold exchange standard, such as the Dutch East Indies and Siam. The causes and effects of the crisis have been ably and lucidly set out by the Chairman of the "Big Five" and other Banks and there is not much left for me to say. The fall in prices resulting in loss of purchasing power and confidence is, of course, at the bottom of our troubles, and it is difficult to select the chief cause of this. I do not think it is due to monetary causes or that monetary policy can control the world price level, and certainly not in the absence of wide international co-operation. There are those who advocate a return to bimetalism for the purpose of enlarging the basis of credit, raising prices and, as they say, increasing the purchasing power of China and other countries. But here again a wide international agreement would at least be necessary, and at the present time particularly it would be difficult, if not impossible, to fix a ratio between gold and silver, while surely the purchasing power of a country depends upon the volume and prices of its exports visible and invisible.

India. In spite of a satisfactory monsoon, India has had to bear her share of the world-wide economic depression as she depends largely upon the prices obtainable for her agricultural products; unfortunately also the depression was accentuated by the civil disobedience campaign, the boycott of British goods and the closing of markets, resulting in disturbances and discouragement of trade. Of all this there is more than sufficient evidence in the figures relating to imports and exports and in the Railway deficit, all of which have necessitated the Emergency Finance Bill. The Government found it necessary to cut down expenditure, increase the import duties and raise taxation generally, while in addition to selling Reverse Council Bills to the extent of £17,000,000 to support exchange, large issues of Treasury Bills at high rates of interest had to be issued with the result that the average Bank rate has been over 7 per cent., and there was a serious depreciation in Government Securities. The amount of Treasury Bills outstanding at the beginning of the year was equivalent to about £40,000,000 which was increased to £38,000,000 in September and reduced to £45,000,000 at the end of the year. But in the last quarter of the year, and as the result of our forced break with gold, and the Rupee following Sterling, a marked change in the situation arose as a consequence partly of the economic depression, but due chiefly to the desire to take advantage of the profit to be obtained by selling and shipping gold. The fact that by the end of the year, shipments amounted to £25,000,000, proved of great assistance to the Government, the effect being that Government was able to

remit £19,000,000 to this side at rates rising to 1s. 6½d. Since the end of the year these shipments of gold have continued in large volume, the total since the movement started now amounting to about £41,000,000, and this has enabled the Indian Government to obtain further sterling to an amount not only sufficient for necessary requirements, but to pay off a large amount of maturing debt. It may be said, therefore, that so far as finance is concerned, the Government of India is in a much stronger position than at any time in the last year or two, while incidentally these shipments of gold have been helpful in maintaining the value of the £ in gold currencies, the shipments in question having gone chiefly to the Continent, but also to America. As I have said, conditions in India are reflected in the trade figures for the past year. As compared with 1930 the exports of merchandise show a decline in value of £62,000,000 at £127,000,000, and at £101,000,000 the imports have fallen by £38,000,000. The imports of silver were only £5,000,000 against £9,000,000 in 1930, while instead of nearly £12,000,000 of gold imported in that year there were net exports of £25,000,000 last year. The result is that, including merchandise and bullion, the visible balance of trade in favour of India last year was £46,000,000 comparing with £34,000,000 in 1930, but this favourable result was due to reduced imports of silver and the unusual exports of gold. If the figures relating to merchandise alone are compared the balance in favour of India declined from £54,000,000 in 1930 to £28,000,000 last year. On the export side of the account the value of cotton declined from £41,000,000 to £24,000,000, raw jute from £11,500,000 to £9,000,000, jute goods from £28,000,000 to £16,000,000, tea from £17,500,000 to £15,000,000 and ground nuts from £8,750,000 to £7,500,000, these differences being accounted for chiefly by the general fall in prices. Of the imports, I will only mention the figures relating to cotton piece goods and yarn shipped from the United Kingdom, the value of which fell from £14,750,000 in 1930 to £6,250,000 last year. Economic conditions were the main cause of this, but the boycott of British goods partly contributed, as imports from Japan did not fall to nearly the same extent. But it is the Bombay cotton mills that feel the competition of Japanese goods most in spite of the fact that they are protected to the extent of 25 per cent. It is, of course, natural that the Cotton Industry, the most important in the country and which counts for so much on the Bombay side of India, should feel the effects of the economic depression and the disturbances created by the Congress Party. The Calcutta jute mills had not to face such a heavy fall in the price of jute as in the previous year but, as the result of a poor demand for their manufactured goods, stocks accumulated and shorter hours of working had to be adopted. Then with a further decline from the already low price of tea the Companies engaged in this industry had a very lean year. The rupee fluctuated between 1s. 5½d. and 1s. 6½d., which was the high point touched in December, the average for the year being 1s. 5.27/32d.

A Report Not Wholly Fair to British Banks. The report of the Central Banking Enquiry Committee, to which I referred at our last meeting, was published in September and embodies much useful and interesting information. The Chairman and the other members of the Committee are to be congratulated upon the painstaking manner in which they have carried out the enquiry, which involved much time and labour. To refer to the report in detail to-day is not only unnecessary but it would take up too much of your time. But as some of the suggestions and recommendations closely concern what are called Foreign Banks, under which heading British Banks are included, I cannot avoid making some reference to the report. In the first place I would say that so far as the majority report goes, there is little or nothing to which we can take exception, but although this report was signed by the Committee, except one, who has issued a minority report, there is unfortunately a minute of dissent signed by six members which can hardly be described as fair to British Banks, considering all they have done to foster and develop Indian trade. I will confine myself, however, to a few general remarks. To begin with, so far as we are concerned, the world-wide economic establishment of a Reserve or Council Bank, which would be free from political influence and confine

its operations to the control of currency and credit, but we cannot think that a new Indian Exchange Bank is required, and it would be a new and dangerous precedent for the Government of India to provide the capital for such a Bank. As we value the business of our Indian customers very highly, it is perhaps unnecessary for me to say that it would be folly on the part of British Banks to discriminate against such good friends in the matter of making advances and we certainly do so, but we are not prepared to lock up the money of the Bank in Industrial Debentures, as it is suggested we should do, for that is not good business or good banking either for British or Indian Banks. The suggestion that we should appoint Local Advisory Boards at each of our Branches seems not only unnecessary but might be opposed to the interests of many of our Indian customers. Then there seems to be an impression that British Banks are prejudiced against sound Indian Insurance Companies. This is far from the case, as we are always ready to do and accept the policies of such companies. The proposals that, while British Banks are to be licensed, Indian Banks should not require a licence and that British Banks should not be allowed to accept Indian deposits or have branches up-country are, to say the least, unreasonable. I must now refer to the conditions prevailing last year in countries other than India and where we have branches, but as no country has escaped the effects of financial stringency and the loss of purchasing power resulting from the low prices ruling for primary commodities, I have nothing encouraging to say.

Ceylon. The shipments of tea from Ceylon show an increase in quantity, but at £15,750,000, a decline of nearly £3,000,000 in value compared with the previous year, while the shipments of rubber declined from 75,000 tons to 62,000 tons and in value from nearly £4,000,000 to £1,750,000.

Malaya. The depression in British Malaya, where the price of rubber and tin is of such importance, has been even more acute than elsewhere, and heavy losses have been made. The average price of rubber last year was only about 8d. per lb. against 5½d. in 1930, and the corresponding prices of tin £113 and £142. The net shipments of rubber, which exclude imports from the Dutch East Indies, were 422,000 tons compared with 442,000 tons in the previous year, the respective values being say, £12,000,000 and £23,000,000. The shipments of tin amounted to 83,600 tons, valued approximately at slightly under £10,000,000, which compares with 96,800 tons £13,750,000 in the previous year. The total value of all merchandise imported is entered at £52,750,000, the comparative figures for 1930 being £32,000,000, while the corresponding figures relating to exports are £46,750,000 and £76,000,000. These figures, I need hardly say, speak for themselves, showing as they do the extent to which British Malaya is feeling the economic crisis.

Burma and Siam. I mentioned last year the extent which Burma and Siam depend on the market for rice and as, until the gold standard was suspended, prices continued to fall, both suffered from this cause, in spite of larger shipments than in the previous year. The shipment from Burma amounted to 3,500,000 tons and those from Siam to 1,200,000 tons. The Rupee being linked to Sterling, Burma has lately had an additional advantage over Siam as the currency of the latter country is still based on gold, with the result that in order to compete with Burma and market her crop, she has been obliged to accept a lower price in ticals, while the cultivator in Burma has been able to obtain a higher price in rupees. But in spite of this handicap there was a small balance of trade in merchandise in favour of Siam last year as compared with a smaller adverse balance in 1930.

China—Land of Mystery and Surprises. Of China it is always difficult to know what to say. It is a land of mystery and surprises, but that it has suffered from the world depression is natural. In addition there were serious floods and various military operations, all of which interfered with business. In spite of these difficulties there was a further substantial increase in the shipments of Chinese goods to our customers. The Chinese last year and which compares

with tials 180,000,000 in 1930, though this increase is largely due to increased duties and the continued collection of these on a gold basis. Then the action of Japan in Manchuria, resulting in an anti-Japanese boycott, which spread to Siam and British Malaya and proved of assistance to Lancashire manufacturers, inflicted losses on the importers of the large stocks of Japanese goods. The wide fluctuations in silver also presented difficulties for those engaged in the import trade in China and at Hong Kong. The low price of the metal ruling during the greater part of the year ought to have given an impetus to exports, but the economic basis in Europe and America, combined with the disturbed state of the country and difficulties of transport, checked this. In February the quotation for silver touched a new low record of 12d., the highest price of the year being 21s. 1/6d., which was quoted in November, but of course this wide range is explained by the depreciation of sterling. The Hong Kong dollar and the Shanghai tael fluctuated accordingly, the former ranging from 10 15/16d. to 1s. 6 5/16d. and the latter from 1s. 1 13/16d. to 2s. 0 5/16d. The sales of silver by the Government of India, who raised the duty on imports twice during the year, are estimated at 35,000,000 ounces, and it is reported that the Siamese Government disposed of about 18,000,000 ounces. The Commission appointed by the British Government to enquire into and advise upon the question of Hong Kong currency issued their report in August and do not recommend stabilisation of the exchange in the meantime, but make certain proposals for placing the currency more directly on a silver bullion basis than it is at present. An interesting feature of the proposals is that the dollar should practically cease to be legal tender and that the notes of the three Banks of Issue—of which we are one—should be given legal tender status.

Mauritius. The cyclone in Mauritius in the early part of the year resulted in a small crop of sugar and, with large world stocks of this commodity and no recovery in the price, conditions in the Island have deteriorated further. A loan had to be issued recently for the purpose of giving financial assistance to the planters.

D.E.I. The Dutch East Indies also are seriously affected by the low prices of and poor demand for sugar, a large part of the 1931 crop still remaining unsold, and at present it does not look as if the Chaddourne plan to restrict the world crops of sugar is meeting with any particular measure of success. Also Java and Sumatra are suffering from the low prices of rubber and tea and, as the guilder is attached to gold, these means that to meet competition with British Malaya and India they have to accept very low prices in local currency.

The Accounts. I come now to the accounts and, while of course these compare unfavourably with those of past years, I hope that, in view of the unexampled difficulties and anxieties of last year, you are not unduly disappointed with the results. (Hear, hear.) It was more particularly in the second half of the year that our troubles arose as the result of the suspension of the Gold Standard by this country and the heavy fall in the value of British and Indian Government Securities. The results of the first six months, however, were such that we deemed it prudent to reduce the interim dividend from 8 per cent. to 7 per cent., hoping then to pay a similar final dividend, and it is with regret that, in view of the unfortunate events of the latter half, we do not now see our way to recommend a final distribution of more than 5 per cent. The non-recurring losses on exchange arose in the ordinary course of our business in Siam and the Dutch East Indies and as the result of those countries remaining on gold, while the very heavy depreciation in our investments was quite beyond our control. Then you will not be surprised to find that, arising from the further fall in prices, the decline in the value of investments, especially and the universal depression, we have found it necessary to provide for more than the usual and doubtful debts, and in doing this I may say that, on the whole, I consider the figures

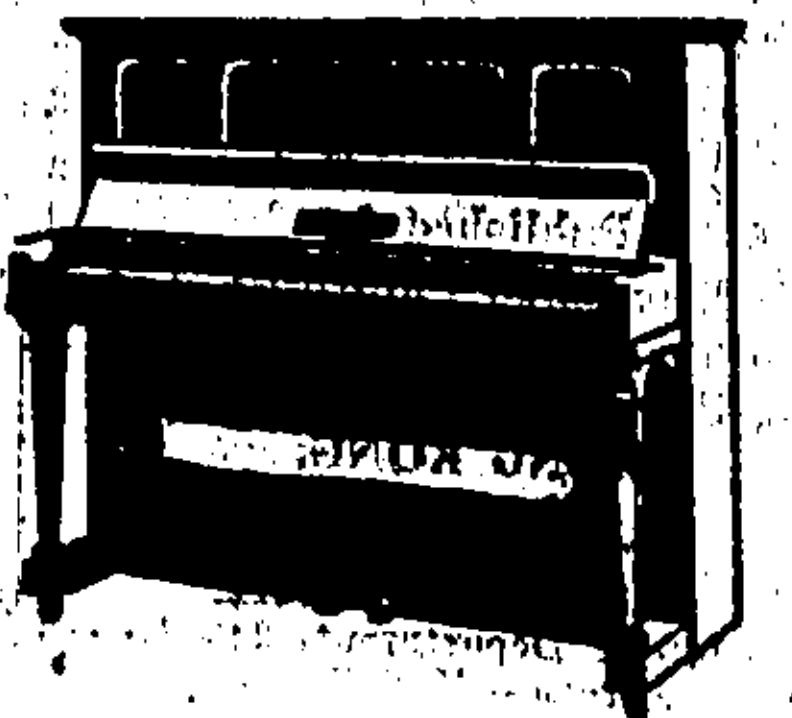
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St. David	877
Bowen Road (ditchside)	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Yamshan	2154
Kowloon Peak	1971

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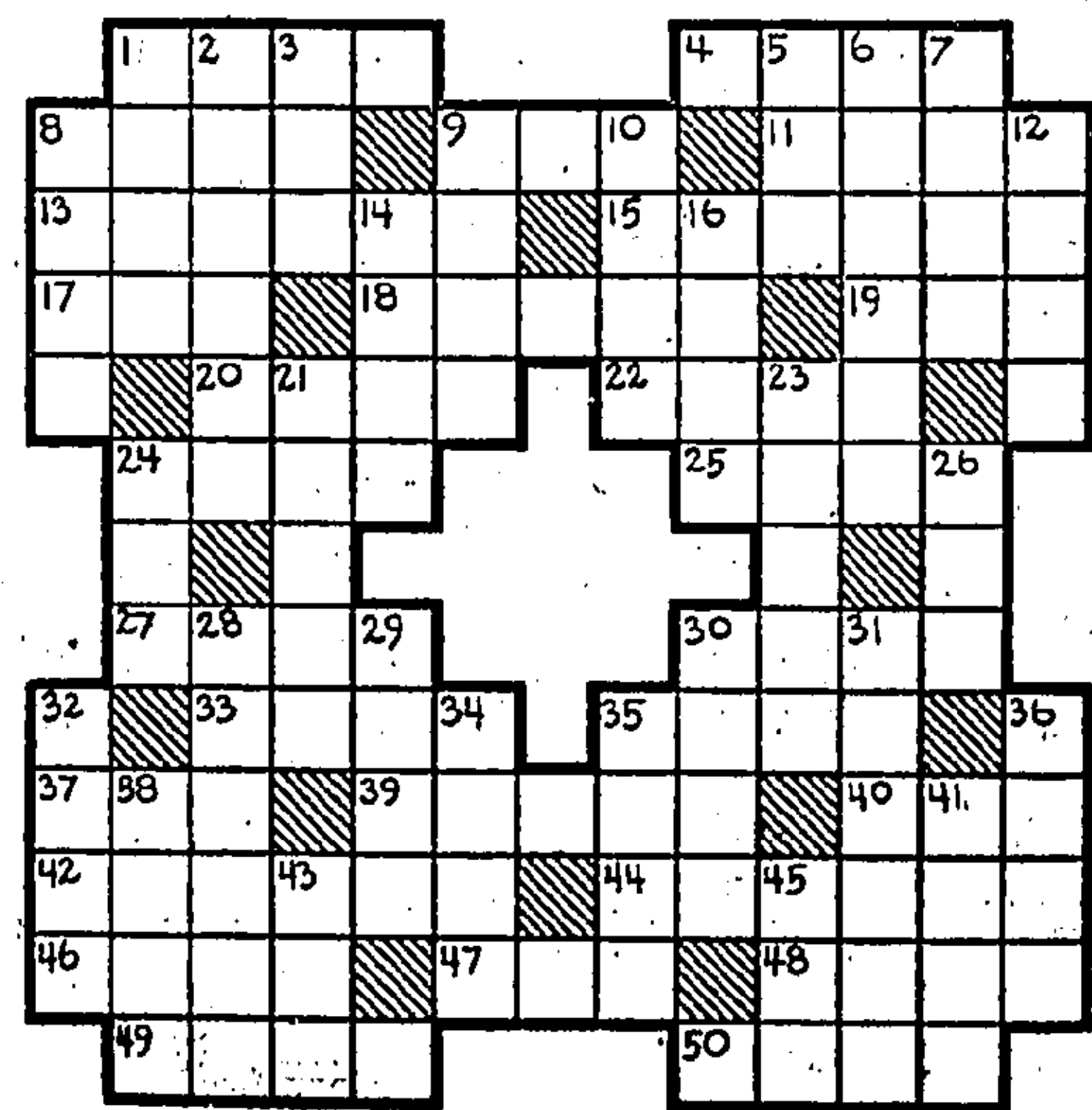
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| <b>HORIZONTAL</b><br>1-Royal house of England<br>4-Confusion<br>8-Girl's name<br>9-A white linen vestment (Ecol.)<br>11-To vex<br>13-Restricts<br>15-Large bird of prey (pl.)<br>17-Girl's name<br>18-One who kills<br>19-Even (Post.)<br>20-A festivity<br>22-Observed<br>24-Member of race who founded the Median Kingdom<br>25-Satisfy<br>27-Yawn<br>29-Halt<br>32-Leading actor<br>35-Rational<br>37-Milk (Latin)<br>39-Kingdom | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b><br>40-National Automobile Association (abbr.)<br>42-To encounter<br>44-Tract of land surrounded by water<br>46-Girl's name<br>47-Taste<br>48-Diminutive suffix<br>49-German inventor of gas engine<br>60-Looks<br><b>VERTICAL</b><br>1-A long extravagant story (Colloq.)<br>2-A fruit<br>3-Wide sheep<br>5-Unit of work and energy<br>6-Noisless<br>7-Sly (Scott.)<br>8-To scrutinize<br>9-Largest continent<br>10-An insect (pl.)<br>12-Bart | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b><br>14-Native of Poland<br>16-Greek god of war<br>21-To accept as one's own<br>23-Consumed<br>24-The human face ( slang)<br>26-Superlative suffix<br>28-The act of ascending<br>29-Organ of hearing<br>30-Butte<br>31-One of the divisions of Congress of United States<br>32-Place of Napoleon's first exile<br>34-Steps, as flag<br>35-Slide<br>36-Constructed<br>38-River in Tuscany, Italy<br>41-An insect (pl.)<br>42-Of age (Latin)<br>43-To the sheltered side |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 23rd April, 1932, commencing at 1.45 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.15 p.m.

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By Order, S. A. SLEAP, Actg. Secretary. Hong Kong, 18th April, 1932.

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On London—	
Bank, Wire	1/2 1/2
Bank, on demand	1/2 1/2
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/2 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/3 1/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/3 1/4
On Paris—	
On demand	580
Credits, 4 months' sight	635
On Berlin—	
On demand	Nom
On New York—	
On demand	22 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	24 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	80 1/2
On demand	80 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	80 1/2
On demand	80 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	52 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	45 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	7 1/4
Dollar	3 1/4 % dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	68 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/3 1/2
Silver (per oz)	16 11/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nom.
Copper Cash	Nom.
Copper Cents	1 % prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/4 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	29 1/4 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

## LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris	95 15/16
New York	3.78 3/4
Montreal	4.21
Brussels	27 1/16
Geneva	19 1/4
Amsterdam	9.35 1/2
Milan	73 1/2
Berlin	15 31/32
Stockholm	20 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/4
Oslo	30 3/16
Vienna	22 nominal
Prague	127 1/4
Helsingfors	215
Lisbon	48 1/2
Athens	109 1/2
Bucharest	300
Rio	630
Buenos Aires	4 1/4
Montevideo	36 1/2
Bombay	1/8 1/2
Shanghai	1/7 13/16
Hong Kong	1/3 1/16
Yokohama	1/9 1/16
Silver Spot	16 11/16
Silver Forward	16 1/2

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## THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA.

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In times like the present, we have made ample provision and, indeed, hope it may prove we have provided too much. It was, however, impossible to provide for all these contingencies out of the profits for the year, but fortunately we had substantial inner reserves and by transferring £450,000 from the Reserve Fund (leaving this still at £1,050,000, equal to the paid-up capital) and adding the former sum to our inner reserves, we have made all the necessary provision. Of our investments I may mention that a large number are of a short-dated character, maturing within the next five years and that, while we have written down the whole of our investments to market prices ruling on December 31 last, a valuation made on February 29 discloses that nearly all the depreciation for which we have provided has been recovered, and our inner reserves are strengthened accordingly (Hear, hear.) (In passing I may say that on a valuation made to-day the depreciation has all been recovered, or very nearly so.) The balance sheet reflects a contraction in our business all round, due chiefly to a decline in the volume of trade as compared with the previous year and the fall in prices. The figures under the heading "Current Fixed Deposit and other Accounts, etc.," show a reduction of £2,759,000, the principal explanation of this being the high rates of interest at which Treasury Bills were issued in India and in this market. On the assets side, cash is lower by £1,163,000, this reduction corresponding with our smaller liabilities in respect of deposits. The decline in the value of our Government and other securities, which, as have said, have been written down to values ruling at December 31, is explained by this writing down. The reduction in Bills Receivable of £1,163,000, which curiously are also the figures relating to the reduction in cash, indicates the contraction in our turnover. At £5,285,000, our Loans Receivable and Advances show a remarkably small decline of £164,000, and make it clear that we have not restricted the facilities we are always ready to afford our customers even in bad times. The total of the balance sheet, you will notice, is lower by £2,975,000. The Profit and Loss Account calls for very little comment, except that unfortunately the profit shows a substantial decline. We have as usual added £15,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund and again written £10,000 off Freehold Banking Premises, while at £167,926 the amount carried forward is slightly increased. There is, of course, no addition to the Reserve Fund on this occasion. As I have said, we recommend a final dividend of 5 per cent., making 12 per cent., less tax, for the year.

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## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, April 19, 1932. NEXT SETTLEMENT DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1932.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Non.	Fin.	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1540	1680	108 1/2	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Feb. 27, 32
(Lon. Reg.)	111	111	111	Dec.	[making 4 1/2 for 1931]	Apr. 1, 32
Chartered Bank	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Sep. 6, 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	111	111	111	Dec.	[making 7 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 2, 32
C.	111	111	111	Dec.	[making 7 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Bank of Asia	111	111	111	Dec.	[making 7 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Amer. O. Fin. Corp.	111	111	111	Dec.	[making 7 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	May 17, 31
Union Ins.	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	May 20, 31
China Underwriters	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
China Fire Ins.	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	May 20, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 30, 32
International Assoc. Tls.	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Shipping.						
Douglases	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
H. K. Steamboat	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Indo-China (Ref.)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	June 10, 32
(Def.)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Shells Bearer	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	July 6, 31
Union Waterboats	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 30, 32
Mining.						
Benguen	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 31, 32
Kailan Mining Ad.	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Dec. 31, 31
Langkat (Single)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	May 8, 32
Shai Exploration	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Loans	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Rauha	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Feb. 6, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 16, 32
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 30, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
South Ch. Motor (A)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
China Provident (old)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 30, 31
(new)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Hongkong	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Oct. 9, 31
N. Engineering	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 8, 32
Shanghai Docks	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	July 20, 31
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 18, 32
(Rights)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
H.K. Lands	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Feb. 16, 32
Shanghai Lands	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Apr. 8, 32
Metropolitan Land	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Feb. 29, 32
Humphreys	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Oct. 30, 31
H. K. Realities	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 3, 32
Asia Realities "A"	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
"B"	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Chinese Estates	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Jan. 30, 32
Benguet Explorations	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Pending
Shanghai Cotton	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Dec. 31, 31
Zoong Sings	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Oct. 8, 31
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Feb. 17, 32
Peak Tram (old)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	June 16, 31
(new)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Feb. 11, 32
Sat. Ferries	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	June 28, 31
Yanmat Ferries	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Dec. 31, 31
China Light (old)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 3, 32
(new)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
H. K. Electric	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Macao	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Sandakan Lights	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
H.K. Tels. fully paid	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 9, 32
" part paid	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Feb. 26, 32
China Bus	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Feb. 6, 32
S'pore Tractors (C.R.)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
(Pref.)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Industrial.						
Malabon Sugars	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 4, 32
Cald: Macg. Ord.	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 27, 32
(Pref.)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Oct. 9, 32
Canton Ice	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Cements (com.)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 3, 32
(old)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
(new)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
H. K. Ropes	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	April 7, 32
China Agriculture	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 9, 32
Watsons	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Apr. 19, 32
(Rights)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Lar A Wings	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Dee Crawford (old)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Apr. 30, 32
(new)	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Mackintosh	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	
Sinners	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Apr. 23, 32
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H.K. Amusements	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Sep. 30, 32
Ch. Entertainment	111	111	111	Dec.	[Final 5 1/2% 1931-1932]	Mar. 30, 32
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## ARRIVALS OF SHIPS

Sunday, April 17. Yusang, British str., 1,122 tons, Capt. R. C. Thompson, from Sandakan, buoy No. B22.—J.M. & Co.

Monday, April 18. Chekiang, British str., 1,313 tons, Capt. R. Kettlewell, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Proteus, Norwegian str., 1,025 tons, Capt. S. Larsen, from Port Comsko, buoy No. C7.—L. Larsen & Co.

Sawahlento, Dutch str., 1,830 tons, Capt. G. H. Beurts, from Amborna, buoy No. A5.—J.C.J.L.

Sebara, German str., 2,937 tons, Captain B. Schlegel, from Calcutta, buoy No. B20.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Sinking, British str., 1,816 tons, Captain J. S. Anderson, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Amoy, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Tsang Woo, Chinese str., 1,079 tons, Capt. Eluarsen, from Saigon, buoy No. B19.—Nam Tai Loong.

## CLEARANCES.

Monday, April 18. C. Henri Riviere, for Hoilhow, Gertrude Maersk, for Manila.

Tonier, Norwegian str., 1,949 tons, Captain H. Rasmussen, for Canton, Chinwangtao, buoy No. B28.—Dodwell & Co.

Wong Shek Kung, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. A. Lashovetsky, from Hongho, Shumshulpo, Anchorage.—Hing Lee.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

### INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.

Shanghai and Swatow ..... Soochoow

Shanghai and Amoy ..... Cremer

Calcutta and Straits ..... Sirdhana

Manila ..... Empress of Russia

Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, March 24, and Parcels, March 17) ..... Chitral

THURSDAY, APRIL 21.

Australia and Manila ..... Kitano Maru

FRIDAY, APRIL 22.

Japan ..... Kamo Maru

Japan and Shanghai ..... Rawalpindi

Japan ..... Rio de Janeiro Maru

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, April 2) ..... President Taft

SATURDAY, APRIL 23.

Japan ..... Heiyo Maru

### OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19.

Shanghai ..... Ajax 3.30 p.m.

Samshul and Wuchow ..... Kong Ning 4 p.m.

Saigon ..... Helikon 4.30 p.m.

Manila ..... President Jackson 4.30 p.m.

Hoilhow and Pakhol ..... Tchekam 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.

Swatow ..... Huichow 8.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21.

Shanghai, \*Japan and \*Europe via

Siberia ..... Chitral 8.30 a.m.

Amoy and Formosa via Swatow .. Deli Maru 10.30 a.m.

Sandakan ..... Yu Sang 10.30 a.m.

Straits ..... Cremer 10.30 a.m.

Swatow ..... Hydrangea 8 p.m.

Amoy ..... Tai Yuan 8.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & \*Europe via

Vancouver, B.C. .... Empress of Russia

(Due Vancouver, B.C., May 9 and \*Europe via Siberia.)

Parcels ..... Apr. 21, 5 p.m.

Registration ..... Apr. 22, 9.15 a.m.

Letters ..... Apr. 22, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22.

Japan ..... Kitano Maru 9.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Hai Ching 1 p.m.

Hoilhow and Pakhol ..... Kiungchow 3.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles .....

Rawalpindi (Due Marseilles, May 20.)

G.P.O.

Parcels ..... Apr. 22, 5 p.m.

Registration ..... Apr. 23, 9.15 a.m.

Letters ..... Apr. 23, 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23.

Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island .....

Kamo Maru (Due Thursday Island, May 5.)

Registration ..... Apr. 23, 9.30 a.m.

Letters ..... Apr. 23, 10.30 a.m.

Sunday, April 24.

Bangkok via Swatow ..... Anshan 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ..... Canton Maru 9 a.m.

## THIEVES ABOARD A STEAMER.

### Stealing Passengers' Luggage.

Before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), in the Marine Court this morning, five Chinese, described as shop keepers, were charged with boarding the J.C.J.L. s.s. Tjilboet without permission. Evidence was given that two Chinese passengers passing through on the ship on their way to Amoy complained to the Chief Officer that the accused were stealing their luggage, and the Officer had the men arrested. The Magistrate imposed fines of \$10 or one week's hard labour on each of the accused.

## ATLANTIC FARES GREATLY REDUCED.

It is of interest to note that the Canadian Pacific have greatly reduced fares on their trans-Atlantic ships between Montreal, Quebec and European Ports. The following fares now apply:—

Empress of	First Class	Cabin One Round	Tourist
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Duchesses	—	£128	£88
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The above-mentioned rates apply all year round, Summer season rates having been abolished.

Formerly, travellers from the Orient who booked at the through rate to Europe, required to pay an additional supplement when travelling via the larger Atlantic liners, such as the EMPRESS OF BRITAIN, but now under the new fares passengers may travel via this Atlantic liner at the through rate without supplement, unless special accommodation is required.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Bridgewater—East wall.

Cornwall—West wall.

Cumberland—North arm.

Hermes—No. 1 buoy.

Keppel—West wall.

Marazion—East wall.

Moorehen—South wall.

Odin—In dock.

Orpheus—In dock.

Otus—In dock.

Tamar—Basin.

Veteran—South wall.

Vindictive—North wall.

Whitball—No. 12 buoy.

Whitshed—No. 13 buoy.

Wild Swan—North arm.

Wren—No. 18 buoy.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Argus—French river gunboat.

Canopus—American submarine tender.

On Pak—Chinese gunboat.

"S" 36, 37, 39, 41—American

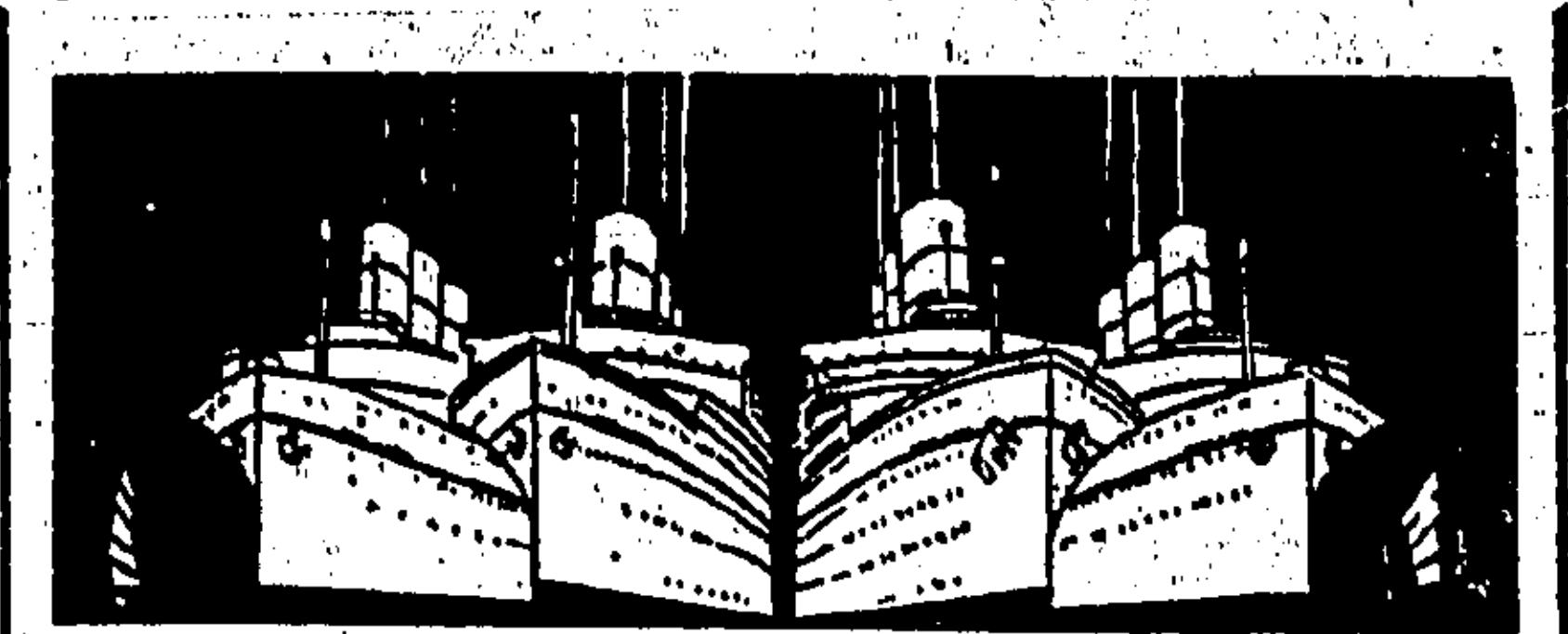
Submarines.

## UTILISING OBSOLETE OCEAN LINERS.

Ship construction continues to be the order of the day, and additional firms of shipbuilders in several centres are turning their attention to this line of occupation mainly with the view of providing for their regular employees.

The Furness Shipbuilding Company of Howden Hill-on-Tees is among these; and on the Tyne, and at Sunderland, Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., are now engaged breaking up three old merchant ships. The recent relegation to the scrap heap of some notable Cunard and White Star liners has occasioned sentimental regret on many sides, and at time of writing schemes are being mooted for a prolongation of their useful life.

—not as passenger ships, but as stationary floating homes for townspeople where there is housing shortage. One of these projects concerns the 20,000-ton Cunard liner Carmania. A syndicate of Norwegian business men of Oslo propose purchasing the vessel and mooring her, when properly converted, as an off-shore boarding house, or block of flats, giving accommodation for about 2,000 people at reasonable rents. Surely, no inglorious end for the one-time favourite liner!



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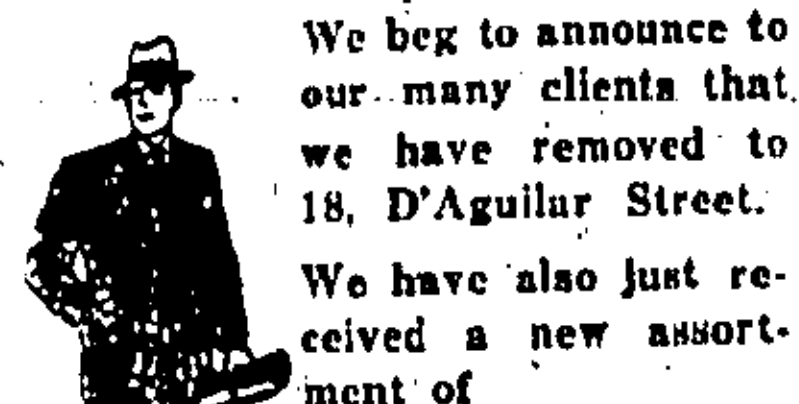


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## Sailors' and Soldiers' Home

## Report for year 1931

The President and Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home have pleasure in submitting this Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the information of the many friends who have shown practical interest in the work which this Institution is doing. It is issued in the hope that it may be the means of soliciting further financial support to enable the Committee to proceed unhampered and unhindered with a work of such tremendous importance where the welfare of our Service Men is concerned.

The past year has seen many changes in our Committee of Management, as well as the departure from the Colony of our first President and his wife the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Knight Anstey. Much of the early success of the Home was due to the untiring effort of Mr. Anstey and the esteem in which he was held was evidenced when on the eve of his departure a very representative gathering met in the New Lounge to bid both him and his wife Farewell. Amongst those who came to pay tribute to his services were the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kote-wall, C.M.G., LL.D., representatives of the local churches and the organisations with which he was connected in the Colony. The Army was represented by H.E. Major General J. W. Sandlands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and the Navy by Commander A. H. Walker, O.B.E. Many eulogistic references were made to the service which Mr. and Mrs. Anstey had rendered and a fitting conclusion to the evening came when the New Lounge was dedicated to their memory by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern.

Following the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Anstey the Committee welcomed to the Presidency of the Home, the Rev. Errie C. H. Tribbeck who arrived in the Colony with Mrs. Tribbeck early in November last. Mr. Tribbeck came to us with a long experience of Social Work in Walsall and Manchester and the enthusiastic and optimistic manner in which he has taken over the leadership of this Institution is a happy augury of the future success and prosperity of the Home. We can only wish the Rev. and Mrs. Tribbeck and their new laddie the best of health that they may long enjoy the beauties of this Colony, and pledge to Mr. Tribbeck our whole-hearted support in his efforts for the Home.

If a Home is to be an efficient institution on the one hand, and a "home" on the other, the management must have an eye to detail, practical and financial, and an understanding sympathy with the Service Men. We have these qualities combined in the Secretary, Mr. W. H. Smith. Our accounts are scrupulously kept; the building is always clean and fresh (as Service Men have pointed out); the Chinese Staff are never out of humour, and always respectful and willing; the food is good and cheap; the beds are clean; everything is run not merely with a cold efficiency but with a welcome homeliness. Service Men are always ready with appreciation for the Secretary. Mention should be made of Mrs. Smith, wife of the Secretary, who, though not employed by the committee yet serves the Home kindly and unobtrusively.

The Hon. Secretary of the Com-

mittee, Mr. J. H. Gelling, has now completed two years in this office, and it is pleasing to know that he is continuing to serve in that capacity until he proceeds on leave early next year. The Committee is indebted to Mr. Gelling for his very efficient way in which its business is carried through, and the home for his many acts of personal service in connection with the welfare of the men. His efforts on behalf of the appeal for funds last year were chiefly responsible for the gratifying response, and recently, together with Commander Brooke, he has made a further appeal on behalf of the General Reserve. The affairs of the Home are very near to the heart of our Hon. Secretary and our Service friends have cause to be thankful that this office is so efficiently filled by Mr. Gelling, to whom the work is but a labour of love.

The Committee have lost the services of the following Ladies and Gentlemen since the last issue of this Report—Mrs. Gelling (who is proceeding to England on leave), Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Lloyd Jones (also on leave) and Col. R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., R.E., (who has left the Colony). It is always difficult to lose the support of those who have rendered such valuable help in the committee of the home, and in this respect we are fortunate in securing the services of the following Gentlemen, and extend to them a very hearty welcome to our Committee:—Mr. A. P. Glanville, Col. F. E. Gowan, O.B.E., Financial Advisor to the China Command, Mr. F. J. Ling, (who is one of the oldest members of our Home Committee, and who rendered invaluable service on the Building Committee of the Home) and the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, whose name is already a byword amongst those who interest themselves in Social Service.

**Social and Other Activities.**  
During the cooler months of the year and with the return of the Naval ships from their Northern Cruise the Committee prepared an interesting and varied programme of activities. An Entertainments Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of Commander E. D. Brooke, R.N., and with various sub-committees allocated to deal with Socials, Lectures and Debates, a very successful season has been enjoyed.

Through the efforts of Messrs. J. H. Gelling and M. F. Key a series of Lectures have been given every month by the following gentlemen:—

"Jottings from a Journalist's Note Book"

by Mr. M. F. Key.

"Rowing—The Supreme Sport"

by Dean Swann.

"India—Old and New"

by Col. R. B. Skinner, O.B.E.

"Naval Operations in the Pacific"

by A. Naval Officer.

"Some Practical Aspects of the Science of Thought"

by Dr. K. C. Yeo, A.M.O.H.

"Sailing Ship Days"

by Captain Holland.

"Ibsens Peer Gynt with Grieg's Music"

by The President.

Messrs. W. Sprague and C. Carruthers were responsible for the Debates which proved immensely popular and our thanks are due to Messrs. Simms, Gardener, Enever, MacLachlan, Bernard, Smith, Sprague, Carruthers and Ingram.

for their contribution towards the success of the events. We cannot overlook too, the part which our Service friends played in making this series of Debates amongst the best we have had in the home.

The following were amongst the Motions proposed:—

"That, in the modern world, the penalties of marriage are more grievous than those of celibacy" . . . . . Motion defeated.

"That the Cinema as at present organised is a force for evil" . . . . . Motion defeated.

"That in this modern age Youth is not given a fair chance" . . . . . Motion carried.

"That Machinery is ruining civilisation" . . . . . Motion defeated.

The Socials under the supervision of Mr. W. H. Edmonds, M.B.E., have been an unqualified success and the last event which took the form of a Progressive Games Evening drew a large and interested number of competitors.

Sixteen teams entered for the Annual Billiards Tournament for the Ng Sze-kwong Challenge Cups as compared with nine teams the previous year. Games were played regularly up to the Semi-final round, since when the Tournament has been delayed owing to the sudden emergency in Shanghai which necessitated the withdrawal of many of the Naval ships from Hong Kong. Playing excellent Billiards the South Wales Borderers have worked their way into the Final and it now remains for H.M.S. Kent and H.M.S. Medway to contest the right to meet the S.W.B.'s for the coveted trophy and medals.

The Whist Drives have not been popular and were discontinued early in the Season. A very successful Dance has been held through the efforts of Commander Brooke who obtained the services of the Florida Dance Band free of any charge for the evening. We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to the leader of the Band and his loyal colleagues for their help and for the excellence of the music rendered. We hope they will come again.

Badminton is extremely popular and the Club is growing. Mr. Sprague is the Secretary, and the game is played on Monday and Thursday evenings. It is hoped to organise a tournament during the coming season for which a handsome trophy has been presented by Mr. Mok Kong-sang.

Our Library, recently recatalogued and reconditioned, now comprises nearly 1,000 books. It is in the very capable hands of three of our loyal service men in the persons of Messrs. Redmond, Meehan and Mordan. The fiction section offers a wide selection of the writings of the best known authors of our own country and translations of the standard works of the great novelists of other lands; the range of the non-fiction section is comprehensive and up-to-date.

The Sunday evening Service Men's Hour, which continues throughout the year, has shown signs of new life. During the past few weeks we have listened to a talk on Comparative Religion by Leading Seaman MacLachlan, a paper on the Justification of Missionary Work by Stoker Petty Officer Ryder and our Secretary has given us his experiences in Central China. An average of over 30 men attend this hour of Social Fellowship, which led by our friend and Chaplain, the Rev. E. C. H. Tribbeck, is permeating the whole of the activities of the Home.

The Tuesday evening meeting for Service Men continues happily. It is no small thing to share our appreciation of the abiding values of life in this way. Friends are made, God becomes real.

And so we are encouraged to go ahead, seeking further opportunity, fully alive to the need, because we know that in our Service we have Him who became the servant of all.

## Finance.

The Financial Statements for the year 1931 which follow speak for themselves, but a few words of explanation will confirm the opinion already expressed of the need for annual subscribers to the work of the Home. In this respect the Committee are indebted to those Ladies and Gentlemen who have come forward during the past year and shown their sympathy in a practical manner by generous donations to the funds, as well as to the various ships' companies of the China Fleet, who have ever been ready to recognise any effort for their general welfare.

The Sino-Japanese unrest, which has necessitated the withdrawal of many of the Naval Ships and Military personnel from the Colony, has seriously affected the revenue of the Home during the latter part of the year under review, but in spite of this and the fact of the continued depression in the value of Dollar, it will be seen that the Home has weathered the financial storm fairly successfully.

36,965 men have slept in the Home during the year as against 30,033 for the year 1930. This figure shows an increase of 6,932 over 1930, and 12,060 over 1929. Our "Shake-downs" have revealed remarkable figures: they disclose the startling fact that no less than 9,505 men occupied this form of accommodation during the year under consideration. This is an increase of 4,362 over 1930 and 7,693 over 1929. In addition we have had to turn away an average of more than 50 men per night during our busy period. The Committee of the Home are fully alive to the need for the provision of sleeping accommodation sufficient to meet whatever demands are made by the men it is proud to serve, but it is left to the financial support of those into whose hands this report, may fall as to whether the scheme for an enlargement of these present premises shall become a reality, and place us in a position to meet this very urgent need, justified by the continued patronage of our Service Men. It is obvious that the men expect us to face up to the challenge which they are throwing out, and in this form of social service there is always something more than can be done. It is optimistic adventure, in keeping with the Spirit of the Services and does bring the anticipated response.

Our Profit and Loss Account has had to face heavier financial calls than during the previous year; notable increases being shown on Management Salary, Servants, Wages, Fuel and Light, Rents, and Rates and Taxes, and Repairs, whilst the sum of \$2,500 has been written off for depreciation and our Reserves increased by \$1,762.71. With regard to our income, by far the larger proportion has been derived from our sleeping accommodation, and it cannot be too strongly emphasised that if it were not for the support the Home receives in this direction, a very serious financial embarrassment would arise.

Our Donations amounting to \$2,407.88 represents largely a grant of \$50 from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and converted at the prevailing rate of exchange yielded the very satisfactory sum of over \$1,000, and a generous Donation of \$450.00 from the Whampoa Bethel Fund. Further, at the beginning of the present football season, a Charity Football Match was arranged between a combined Services Team and the South China Athletic Association. This match was organised through the very generous sanction of the Hong Kong Football Association, to whom the Committee are deeply indebted for their practical sympathy and support. The Proceeds amounting to \$1,749.60 were shared between the Kwong Tung Flood Relief Fund and this Home, the result being that our Donations received from this source the very handsome figure of

\$874.80.

In spite of this fact we have only been able to show a net profit on the year of \$87.98. It is unnecessary to point out the little margin such a sum allows towards increasing our Reserve Fund.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, the item \$2,026.30 shown under General Reserve is chiefly special Donations granted by the various Ships' Companies towards this Fund. The response from the men who are continually using the Home is very gratifying and is an encouragement to the Committee to allow nothing to hinder their efforts on behalf of those who have shown such practical appreciation.

A glance at our Assets reveals the fact that additions to Furniture and Equipment have been made during the past year amounting to \$1,133.43 which has been necessary to assure the maintenance of the desired standard of efficiency and service. In this respect it was felt that a Lounge furnished more on the lines of an average men's club should be provided so that the men who use the Home might enjoy the comfort of an armchair and radio which seem to be conspicuous by their absence in nearly all Service Institutions. The cost of this provision was \$688.80 but thanks to the generosity of a few interested friends the Committee were only called upon to provide \$200.00 towards this sum.

During the present Industrial and Commercial Depression, which is world wide, the peoples of all nations are being called upon to make financial sacrifices almost unprecedented. It is with a feeling of pride that we learn of the patriotic way in which the people of our own country are responding to this emergency. In common with the rest of the British Empire our little Colony has suffered from the ebb-tide of financial depression and waning rates of exchange. As the months pass by, incessant demands are made upon the purses of the European Community which form such a small part of the population of this Island. In a manner none the less praiseworthy our nationals rise to the occasion as do their brothers across the seas; it is very seldom that an appeal for any worthy cause passes unheeded. With the little information it is possible to give in a report of this nature regarding the urgency of our work and the necessity of maintaining at all costs its efficiency and standard of service, we can only rely upon the generous response of its readers, prompted by that true patriotic spirit which responds to the need of a fellow man.

It is obvious, too, that many of the local Chinese citizens realise that the presence of Naval Ships and Military Units in Hong Kong is as much in their interests as those of the countries from whence the Defence Forces are drawn. This is evidenced by the many Chinese friends who have, from time to time, expressed their interest in our endeavours, with generous donations. This report would be incomplete without due mention of the following gentlemen, whose names we are glad to include in our list of Donors:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., LL.D., the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kote-wall, C.M.G., LL.D., Mr. Fung Wei-shing, Mr. Ma Ying-piu, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Chan Lim-pak, Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, Mr. Wong Kwok-shuen, Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, and Mr. Cheung Kat-shing. It is felt that there are many others who will gladly subscribe towards our aims and objects when they are conversant with the urgency of our need.

The Committee are therefore encouraged to leave the future financial position of the Home in the hands of those who shall read this report, confident that a service of such importance not only to the life and well being of our Service Men but to British prestige in the Far East, cannot suffer when left to the judgment of those to whom this appeal is made.

## CANTON NOTES.

April 18.

## Bribes.

A general notification has been issued by the new Director of the Bureau of Public Works, warning members of the staff against receiving bribes in the form of gifts from contractors and people applying for permits and licences.

## Meningitis.

Although the Meningitis epidemic is now on the wane, preventive measures have not been relaxed. The Bureau of Health have ordered local theatres and amusement resorts to refuse admission to children, and a large supply of Meninx toxine has been called for.

## Pier-Owners.

Plans are to be drawn up for the allotment of space to pier-owners along the Bund when reclamation work has been completed.

## Building Activity.

The increase in building activities and road-extension work, especially in the construction of modern industrial plants, which are, at present, features of Hong Kong and Kowloon, are also to be seen in Canton and other large Chinese cities.

## Cement Tests.

At the meeting of the Provincial Council the new rules submitted by the Swatow Municipality governing official tests on the quality of cement imported into that port were submitted for approval.

## New Public Park.

The compound of the old British Consulate is to be converted into a public park, the work on which is expected to be completed within three months.

## Bank Failure.

The closing of the Yau Cheung Bank, Saikwan, marks the twelfth failure of local banks within four weeks, mainly in consequence of the Sino-Japanese crisis in Shanghai.

## Commercial Leaders Dined.

Many local commercial leaders were the guests of the Commissioner of Civil Affairs at a dinner party held in the restaurant of the Sun Co.'s store.

## Defence Premium Bonds.

Premium bonds have been issued by the Government to raise funds for the purpose of strengthening the defences in the Kwangtung Province, \$30,000,000 will be raised by this method.

## Hainan Island.

Dr. C. C. Wu's enthusiasm over the development of Hainan Island has been revealed. He is quoted as having said that he will work hard and toil like a nigger. It is the purpose of Dr. Wu to inaugurate a system of self-government and reconstruction work on the island and this will be planned on a comprehensive scale.

## Free Dispensary.

A public dispensary will be established in the premises formerly occupied by the Fong Pin Hospital, where medicine will be supplied free of charge to the poor and working class people.

## Indecent Literature.

A large quantity of indecent literature was recently seized from a book store in Saikwan, and keen vigilance is now being observed by the Bureau of Social Welfare for the suppression of the evil.

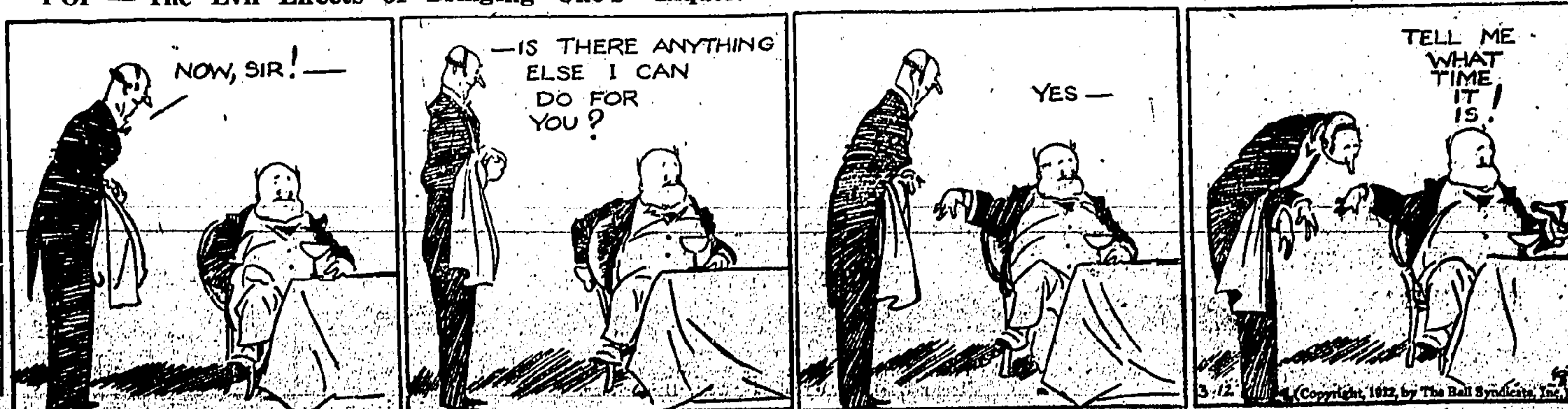
## Plithora of Societies.

According to a report issued by the Kwangtung Provincial Kuomintang headquarters there are in Canton 138 commercial unions, 256 labour guilds, 918 agricultural associations, 30 women's aid societies, 448 various public organisations, and 90 educational societies.

## Back from Nanking.

Mr. Feng Cho-wen, Commissioner of the Department of Finance, arrived back in Canton after his official mission to Nanking, where he applied to the Central Government in behalf of the provincial authorities for a subsidy to meet the deficit of the local military expenditure.

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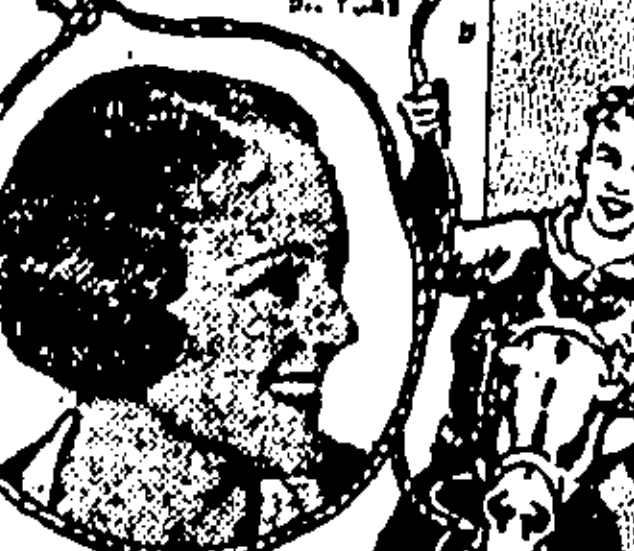
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### THE MURDER OF GEO. FUNG.

Great Public  
Interest.

HEAVY FINES IMPOSED.

Great interest is being taken in the Village Road murder case this morning, every available seat in the Second Court of the Central Magistracy was occupied, with many spectators standing in the room, when Cheng Kwok-yau, (20), of independent means, appeared, on remand, before Mr. Wynne-Jones, in connection with the murder of George Fung on the night of March 24. The corridor and passages outside the Court-room were also full of well-dressed Chinese men and women.

Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P. and Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds appeared for the Crown, whilst Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton was for the accused.

Hearing of the trial was fixed for Tuesday (April 26) and Friday (April 29) commencing, on both days, at 2.30 p.m.

### HINDU - MOSLEM CLASH.

Fierce-Rioting Near  
Calcutta.

MOSQUE DESECRATED.

Calcutta, Yesterday.

The discovery of a dead pig outside a mosque at Naihati, near Calcutta, was to-day followed by a serious outbreak of communal rioting in which one person was killed and twenty-two injured. Thirty-seven arrests have been made.

The trouble originated in the refusal of a Hindu landlord to allow his Moslem tenants to sacrifice a cow during the Moslem festival Bakr-id.—Reuter.

### HIGH SOCIETY WEDDING.

Their Majesties  
Attend.

London, Yesterday.

Their Majesties the King and Queen specially drove up from Windsor to attend the wedding of Lord Hyde, the King's Godson (son of the Earl of Clarendon, Governor-General of South Africa) and the Honourable Marion Glynn, daughter of Lord and Lady Wolverton.—Reuter.

Their Majesties Sign Marriage Register.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Their Majesties, who signed the marriage register, were loudly cheered by a large crowd outside the Abbey.

Lord Clarendon, who is Governor-General of South Africa, was unable to leave his Official duties, but Lady Clarendon travelled from Cape Town to see her son married.—Reuter and British Wireless Service.

### RED SHIRTS IN INDIA.

Active Again.

NATIONAL WEEK.

A Frost.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In a statement circulated in the Commons to-day reviewing the events of the last week in India, Sir Samuel Hoare referred to the recrudescence of Red Shirt activities in a part of the Peshawar District north of the Kabul River, where large crowds had made efforts, with considerable success, to interfere with the elections. The police had to be reinforced by troops to disperse the stone-throwing crowds armed with lathis. In one instance the Police were compelled to fire, and the casualties were twelve Police injured (two seriously) and one rioter killed. After the poll the situation quietened down. In spite of special efforts of Congress to rouse public interest in "National Week" results were singularly small.

A renewal of disturbances had occurred in Allahabad where, owing to continued brick and stone throwing, thirty rounds were discharged and two rioters were killed and twenty injured. The situation was under control within two or three days.

Activity also had occurred in Cawnpore, but improved quickly when the Police were reinforced and, in Bombay, National Week had proved an almost complete failure. Elsewhere, throughout India, the effects of National Week were negligible, and several provinces, concludes the statement, report it passed almost unnoticed.—British Wireless Service.

### AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY.

Two Commissions to  
Be Set Up.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Minister of Agriculture (Sir John Gilmour) announced in the Commons to-day, that two reorganisation commissions were to be set up for the Agricultural Industry—one for milk and milk products and the other for pigs and pig products.

Sir Edward Grigg will preside over the first, and Colonel Lane Fox over the second, which, *inter alia* will consider the quantitative regulation of imports of pigs and bacon.—British Wireless Service.

### OLD KIRINITES ADVANCE.

Harbin, To-day.

It is reported that a young Chinese woman graduate of a Military Academy has recently arrived from the U.S.S.R. as Chief of the Partisan detachment, with headquarters at Hengtaohotze. Troops of the Old Kirin Army, supported by an armoured train, commenced an advance, from Shihntowhotze this morning.

### THE CAUSE OF DE VALERA.

Irish-Americans  
to Rally.

FORD'S APPEAL.

New York, Yesterday.

An attempt is being made here to rally the whole body of Irish-Americans to the cause of De Valera.

Mr. Ford, President of the Irish World, a New York newspaper, has appealed for an Irish race convention in New York and declares:—

"England will back down when she finds Irish Republicans determined to hold their own, and when she learns that the Irish in America in everywise are aiding Ireland to achieve complete independence."

A similar Irish race convention was held in New York in March, 1916, after a similar appeal had been made by Mr. Ford. The Easter Week rising in Ireland, it is to be remembered, occurred six weeks later.—Reuter's American Service.

### BRITISH REMITTANCES.

Detained  
in Germany.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Asked in the Commons to-day whether arrangements had been made for the restoration to British owners of remittances belonging to them recently detained in German banks, while in transit from Budapest to London, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Captain Eden) stated that the Foreign Secretary had made it clear that British bondholders had a very strong claim to the release of those funds and that the British Ambassador in Berlin had again been instructed to press this viewpoint strongly on the German Government.—British Wireless Service.

### £95,000 REFUSED FOR PICTURE.

Lawrence's "Red  
Boy."

Rugby, Yesterday.

Art experts from Europe and America were present in Lambton Castle, Durham, to-day, when many world famous works of art from the collection of Lord Durham were auctioned.

Lawrence's Portrait of a "Red Boy" was withdrawn at £95,000, the largest bid ever made for a picture in England thus being refused.—British Wireless Service.

Government troops pulled up the track near Weishaho, but it has been repaired by the railway authorities. All traffic was interrupted for nine hours.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

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